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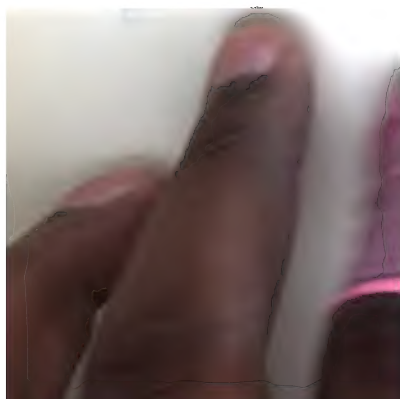


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GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Public School House, at the Village of Red Deer, District of Alberta, on the afternoon of Monday, September 4th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 4 o'clock.

PRESENT.

- R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown (28)... as Grand Master
W. " William Leigh Bernard (28)...as Deputy Grand Master
W. " Sidney Philip Fream (Red Deer, U. D.) ...
as Grand Senior Warden
W. " Charles Palmer Gee (Red Deer, U. D.)...
as Grand Junior Warden
W. " William Piper (Red Deer, U. D.) .. as Grand Treasurer
W. " George Wellington Greene (Red Deer, U. D.) ..
as Grand Secretary
W. " Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe (Red Deer, U. D.)...
as Grand Chaplain
W. " George Fleming (Red Deer, U. D.) ...
as Grand Senior Deacon
W. " George Albert Love (Red Deer, U. D.) ..
as Grand Junior Deacon

- W. Bro. Rev. Spencer Henry Cubitt (28) ... as Grand Organist
W. " Robert Culsforth Brumpton (Red Deer, U. D.)..
as Grand Steward
W. " John Burch (Red Deer, U. D.) ... as Grand Steward
W. " Charles S. Eggleton (65) ... as Grand Tyler
M. W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), Past Grand Master, and
brethren from various Lodges and Jurisdictions.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by M. W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Past Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of St. Luke's Church (Anglican).

R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, D.D., Grand Master, then assumed the Grand Master's Chair.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the Acting Grand Master, Past Grand Master and Grand Officers were received by His Lordship the Bishop of Calgary and the Incumbent and office bearers of the Church, and took proper and convenient positions on the platform where the corner stone was to be laid.

Bro. Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, Acting Grand Chaplain, then invoked a blessing upon the undertaking, imploring that the building might be completed without accident to those engaged in its erection.

Bro. George Wellington Greene, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity in the stone :

**In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of Heaven and Earth,**

ON THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899,

**And in the 63rd year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,
VICTORIA,**

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

**His Excellency the EARL OF MINTO, Governor-General of the
Dominion of Canada.**

**The Right Honorable WILFRED LAURIER, Premier of the
Dominion of Canada.**

Hon. A. E. Forget, Lieut.-Governor of the North-West Territories.

Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, Premier of the North-West Territories.

Most Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

Right Rev. W. C. Pinkham, D.D., Bishop of Calgary.

Rev. G. C. d'Easum, M.A., Rural Dean of Edmonton.

**Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, B.A., Priest in charge of St. Luke's Church,
Red Deer.**

**George W. Greene, Esq., and Edward Burch, Esq., Church Wardens
of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.**

**S. Wilson, Esq., H. M. Cherry, Esq., C. J. S. Reid, Esq., and R. E.
Burch, Esq., Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.**

**M. W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba.**

R. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. William A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Samuel B. Jameson, Grand Junior Warden.

**R. W. Bro. E. Nelson Bunn, D.D., Grand Master Ninth Masonic
District.**

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. William G. Scott, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. James A. Sutherland, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Rev. John W. Muirhead, Grand Chaplain.

THE CORNER STONE

Of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer,

**Was laid by R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, D.D., Grand Master,
according to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft,
which may God ever bless and prosper.**

Bro. William Piper, Acting Grand Treasurer, placed a box in the cavity of the stone containing the following :

A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, current issues of the Edmonton Bulletin, Calgary Herald, Calgary Tribune, Innisfail Free Lance, Manitoba Free Press, and a copy of the first issue of the Edmonton Post. Also current coins of the Dominion of Canada.

Bro. Stephen Wilson, representing the architect of the building, Mr. H. D. Johnson, of Edmonton, then presented to the Acting Grand Master the plans of the proposed building and the working tools to be used, who handed them to the proper officers.

Bro. Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, Incumbent of the Parish, on behalf of himself and the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, then presented the Acting Grand Master with a silver trowel having engraved thereon the following inscription :

Presented to

EUGENE NELSON BROWN, D. D. G. M. : A. F. & A. M.,

By the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer,
September 4th, 1899.

The Acting Grand Master then descended to the where the stone was to be laid, and spread the cement on the surface of the resting place.

The stone was then lowered, with the help of the assistants, into its proper place.

The following hymn was then sung :

THE MASON'S HYMN

Master Supreme, Great Architect
Deign to accept our heartfelt
O guide us by Thy Sovereign
And consecrate this stone

Around this spot may peace be found,
 May Faith, Hope, Charity divine,
 And unity the golden tie,
 With love and friendship here combine.

Give Corn and Wine and Oil to all,
 May plenty from Thy bounteous store,
 With all the blessings of Thy love,
 Upon this land be flowing o'er.

The Acting Grand Master addressed the Acting ~~Grand~~
 Officers as follows :

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the
 per jewel of your office ?

D.G.M.—The Square.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic ~~use~~ ?

D.G.M.—To square our actions by the ~~square~~ ~~rule~~
 and prove our work.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the ~~corner~~
 of the Foundation stone which ~~is to be~~ ~~the~~
 report.

The R. M. ~~by~~ Grand Master ~~the~~
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The R.W. Grand Senior Warden applied the Level, and said : Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then addressing the Acting Junior Grand Warden, said : Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the jewel of your office ?

G.J.W.—The Plumb.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

G.J.W.—Morally it teaches RECTITUDE of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the Foundation Stone, and make report.

The R.W. Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb, and said : Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone is plumb, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G.M.—This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master came forward with the vessel of corn, which he scattered on the stone, saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men ; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved ; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor ; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Chaplain then delivered the following invocation, all the brethren remaining uncovered :

May the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking : protect the workmen from accident ; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin ; and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Master advancing, struck the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

The Acting Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements of architecture, saying :

Worthy Sir, having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

M.W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D., Past Grand Master, then ascended the platform and addressed the officers of Grand Lodge and the brethren and those assembled, as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that He may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the Masons of this place.

This was followed by an eloquent and instructive address from M.W. Bro. O'Meara to the brethren and others assembled.

The procession was then re-formed and the brethren proceeded to the Lodge Room of Red Deer Lodge.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 5:15 o'clock, p.m.



Wm. G. Scott
Grand Secretary.



GRAND LODGE.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, June 13th, A.D. 1900, A.L. 5900.

PRESENT.

M. W.	Bro. John Leslie (1)	Grand Master
R. W.	" Robert S. Thornton (40)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	" William A. Windatt (3)	Grand Senior Warden
V. W.	" John C. Saul (1)	as Grand Junior Warden
R. W.	" Marshall Laurie (8)	D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11)	D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" Alan M. Stewart (13)	D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" R. Percy Crookshank (15)	D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" Joseph M. Robinson (19)	D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" Harry H. Campkin (33)	D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" John McKechnie (1)	Grand Treasurer
R. W.	" William G. Scott (1)	Grand Secretary
R. W.	" George W. Baker (10)	as Grand Registrar
R. W.	" Rev. John W. Muirhead (47)	Grand Chaplain
W.	" N. J. Halpin (19)	as Grand Senior Deacon
V. W.	" A. W. Hooper (2)	Grand Junior Deacon
R. W.	" A. J. Belch (4)	Grand Director of Ceremonies

V. W.	Bro. William T. Speed (47)	Grand Organist
V. W.	" Newton Edmiston (24)	Grand Steward
V. W.	" John Thomson (3)	Grand Steward
V. W.	" Edward A. Braithwaite (53)	Grand Steward
R. W.	" James E. Maynard (40)	as Grand Steward
V. W.	" James M. Suttie (3)	Grand Steward
V. W.	" Alexander Lowe (24)	Grand Steward
V. W.	" Fred J. C. Cox (25)	as Grand Pursuivant
W.	" John Bailey (1)	as Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.	Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" James A. Ovas (27)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" William G. Bell (3)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" Thomas Tweed (31)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" Charles N. Bell (1)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" Corbet Locke (13)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" Thomas Robinson (10)	Past Grand Master
M. W.	" George B. Murphy (35)	Past Grand Master
R. W.	" William G. Scott (1)	Past Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	" John W. Harris (4)	Past Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	" Roderick McCuaig (7)	Past Grand Senior Warden
R. W.	" Richard D. Foley (30)	Past Grand Senior Warden
R. W.	" Alexander J. Belch (4)	Past Grand Junior Warden
R. W.	" Wm. Crawford (31)	Past Grand Junior Warden
R. W.	" James G. Dagg (2)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" George W. Baker (10)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" John S. McKay (36)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" Willard C. Copeland (25)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" James E. Maynard (40)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" John McGuirl (35)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" J. Thompson Black (4)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" J. D. Baine (36)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" J. J. White (25)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" D. McIntosh (3)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" D. H. McFadden (6)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" S. R. Marlatt (7)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" A. S. McGregor (11)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" P. St. Clair McGregor (11)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" F. S. Proctor (32)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W.	" Donald McLean (49)	Past D. D. Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64)	Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Edgar W. Rugg (3)	Past Grand Registrar
R. W. " J. Obed Smith (1)	Past Grand Registrar
R. W. " Rev. A. W. Goulding (51)	Past Grand Chaplain
R. W. " Rev. Chas. A. Littler (2)	Past Grand Chaplain

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES.

England	M. W.	Bro. Thos. Robinson, Winnipeg.
Ireland	R. W.	" Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.
Scotland	M. W.	" Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg.
Canada	M. W.	" Rev. S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg.
British Columbia	V. W.	" J. A. Carley, Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	R. W.	" John McGuirl, Moosomin.
Nova Scotia	M. W.	" Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg.
Quebec	R. W.	" J. Thompson Black, Winnipeg.
Arkansas	R. W.	" R. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie.
Connecticut	R. W.	" Geo. W. Baker, Winnipeg.
Delaware	R. W.	" A. J. Belch, Winnipeg.
Florida	M. W.	" Rev. S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg.
Georgia	R. W.	" Thos. L. Morton, Gladstone.
Idaho	R. W.	" Rev. W. Jno. Garton, Emerson.
Illinois	M. W.	" John Leslie, Winnipeg.
Kansas	M. W.	" James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.
Louisiana	R. W.	" J. J. White, Winnipeg.
Maine	M. W.	" R. S. Thornton, Deloraine.
Maryland	R. W.	" D. H. McFadden, Emerson.
Michigan	R. W.	" John McKechnie, Winnipeg.
Minnesota	V. W.	" Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg.
Mississippi	M. W.	" William G. Bell, Winnipeg.
Nebraska	R. W.	" R. D. Foley, Manitou.
Nevada	M. W.	" Corbet Locke, Morden.
New York	R. W.	" John W. Harris, Winnipeg.
North Carolina	R. W.	" William Crawford, Medicine Hat.
Ohio	R. W.	" Willard C. Copeland, Winnipeg.
Rhode Island	R. W.	" James G. Dagg, Selkirk.
South Carolina	R. W.	" William A. Windatt, Winnipeg.
South Dakota	V. W.	" H. H. Goulter, Winnipeg.
Tennessee	R. W.	" H. H. Campkin, Indian Head.
Texas	V. W.	" H. J. Pugh, Virden.
Utah	M. W.	" George B. Murphy, Moosomin.
Virginia	V. W.	" R. Hill Myers, Minnedosa.

West Virginia.....	R. W.	Bro. Wm. Fenwick, Alexander.
Wisconsin.....	V. W.	" Wm. Braden, Winnipeg.
New Zealand	M. W.	" Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat.
Washington.....	R. W.	" William E. Hazley, Winnipeg.
Colorado.....	W.	" John R. Jones, Winnipeg.
Arizona.....	V. W.	" A. B. Gillis, Whitewood.

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS.

M. W.	Bro. John Leslie (1).
V. W.	" John C. Saul (1).
W.	" T. Harry Webb (1).
W.	" Robert Muir (1).
R. W.	" John McKechnie (1).
M. W.	" Charles N. Bell (1).
R. W.	" William G. Scott (1).
M. W.	" Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1).
R. W.	" J. Obed Smith (1).
R. W.	" Rev. Charles A. Littler (2).
V. W.	" A. W. Hooper (2).
R. W.	" James G. Dagg (2).
R. W.	" Edgar W. Rugg (3).
V. W.	" John Thomson (3).
M. W.	" William G. Bell (3).
W.	" Andrew Schmidt (3).
V. W.	" C. H. Enderton (3).
R. W.	" W. A. Windatt (3).
R. W.	" D. McIntosh (3).
V. W.	" W. E. Hazley (3).
V. W.	" Wm. Braden (4).
V. W.	" Thomas W. Taylor (4).
R. W.	" A. J. Belch (4).
W.	" Angus Grant (4).
W.	" A. A. Aird (4).
R. W.	" J. Thompson Black (4).
W.	" D. A. Fullman (4).
W.	" S. G. G. Thompson (4).
W.	" Humphrey Hart (4).
R. W.	" J. W. Harris (4).
R. W.	" Rev. W. John Garton (6).
R. W.	" D. H. McFadden (6).
R. W.	" Roderick McCuaig (7).
W.	" J. P. Young (7).

- V. W. Bro. L. Remay (7).
 R. W. " S. R. Marlatt (7).
 R. W. " M. Laurie (8).
 V. W. " H. R. Whitworth (8).
 M. W. " Thomas Robinson (10).
 R. W. " G. W. Baker (10).
 W. " C. Graburn (10).
 R. W. " G. S. McGregor (11).
 R. W. " A. S. McGregor (11).
 R. W. " P. St. Clair McGregor (11).
 W. " J. Ferguson (11).
 R. W. " Alan M. Stewart (13).
 M. W. " Corbet Locke (13).
 V. W. " R. Hill Myers (14).
 R. W. " R. Percy Crookshank (15).
 V. W. " J. S. Brayfield (19).
 V. W. " John Wemyss (24).
 W. " A. Lowe (24).
 V. W. " Newton Edmiston (24).
 R. W. " Willard C. Copeland (25).
 W. " Napier H. Jackson (25).
 R. W. " J. J. White (25).
 V. W. " J. A. Carley (25).
 W. " Herbert Radford (25).
 W. " J. F. Mitchell (25).
 W. " C. W. Clark (25).
 W. " Hyman Miller (25).
 W. " Henry Fry (25).
 M. W. " James A. Ovas (27).
 W. " John De Sousa (28).
 W. " Arthur Mack (29).
 V. W. " Eustace Cope (29).
 R. W. " R. D. Foley (30).
 W. " C. R. Foley (30).
 W. " John K. Anderson (30).
 W. " R. McKenzie (30).
 W. " A. Hewitt (30).
 R. W. " Wm. Crawford (31).
 M. W. " Thomas Tweed (31).
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 M. W. " George B. Murphy (35).

- R. W. Bro. J. D. Baine (36).
- R. W. " J. S. McKay (36).
- W. " Rev. Wm. Robertson (39).
- R. W. " James E. Maynard (40).
- R. W. " R. S. Thornton (40).
- W. " W. R. David (40).
- W. " C. A. Young (40).
- W. " S. E. Lang (43).
- V. W. " H. H. Goulter (43).
- V. W. " H. J. Pugh (43).
- V. W. " A. B. Gillis (47).
- W. " William Cairns (49).
- W. " James K. Robson (51).
- R. W. " Rev. A. W. Goulding (51).
- V. W. " E. A. Braithwaite (53).
- " E. A. Struthers (62).
- W. " A. Fenwick (64).
- R. W. " William Fenwick (64).

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. John W. Muirhead (47), Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27) the regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business, were taken as read.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the twenty-fourth Annual Communication, held at the Town of Regina, District of Assiniboia, on the 14th and 15th days of June, 1899, the Especial Communication held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th day of

July, 1899, and the Especial Communication held at the City of Calgary, on the 4th day of September, 1900, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Leslie, then read his annual address, as follows :—

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:—

I extend to you a hearty greeting at this the opening of our Twenty-fifth Annual Communication. But, before we commence our labors, let us return thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the favors bestowed upon us in the past, and pray that they may be continued to us in the future. We have much to be thankful for, let us not show ourselves ungrateful.

Before proceeding to lay before you an account of my actions as Grand Master, together with some suggestions which I wish to offer for the good of Masonry, it is fitting that I should refer to events of world-wide importance which have happened since last we met together, events in which our own Dominion and our own fair Province and Territories have borne a conspicuous part.

About eight months ago Great Britain felt herself compelled to enter into a war with the Dutch Republics of South Africa. Engaged, as the dear old mother land was, in a struggle which we, as Canadians, felt to be most just, our sympathies went out to her in no uncertain way. Not because help was needed, but because we were a part of the British Empire and were proud of it, Canada offered to the Imperial Government troops for service in South Africa. The offer was accepted and troops were dispatched a second and a third contingent followed, and now Canadians are fighting the battles of their Queen and Country on the sandy plains and hills of the Transvaal. We knew when they went away that they would nobly uphold the honor of the Maple Leaf, and our expectations have not been disappointed. They have borne themselves as citizens of no mean country, and we are proud of them. No words of mine can add anything to the renown they have garnered on the blood-stained battle-fields of far distant Africa.

As we meet to-night we cannot think otherwise than that the war must shortly come to a close, and that the blessings of free and enlight-

ened Government will soon be felt where tyranny and oppression have prevailed before. It would not be in place for me to enlarge upon the benefits which will inevitably result from the war. But, as Masons, we may be pardoned if we linger a moment to dwell with pride upon the fact that so many of the brethren of this Jurisdiction have enlisted and are now proving that they have grasped the deep meaning of Freemasonry in the camp and on the battle-field with their fellow-soldiers.

It is also a source of gratification to us as Masons to remember that our brethren are under the command of two such distinguished Masons as Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, District Deputy Grand Master of the Soudan. Let our hearts go out for a moment to our brethren to wish them God-speed and a happy return to their homes in our own Western land.

But this is the brighter side of the picture. While we think with pleasure of these who will return to us once more with health and strength, the thought forces itself upon us that some there are who will never see home again. Our thoughts turn instinctively to that lonely grave where lies all that is mortal of Bro. Harry Arnold, of old Hiram Lodge, Kildonan, and to another grave at Ladysmith, where lies the body of Bro. Miller, of Innisfail Lodge, No. 58. There may be others; many have gone, and the end is not yet. The thought saddens us, but their passing away was a splendid one. They died fighting for their country—a sweet and glorious death.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I have to report the death of a well-known brother within our own Jurisdiction, a worthy man and a Mason. I refer to R. W. Bro. A. C. Sewell, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa, Past District Deputy Grand Master. A touching reference is made to R. W. Bro. Sewell in the report of Bro. Crookshank, D. D. G. M. for District No. 5.

I have also been informed of the death of the following distinguished brethren, prominent in Masonry in other Jurisdictions:—

M. W. Bro. Oscar Coles, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, died October 12th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. John J. Sumpter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died June 22nd, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Dwight Phelps, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died September 6th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Henry Clay Tompkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, died September 12th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. John S. Cross, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died September 18th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Alex. M. Evans, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died October 16th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Harrison Dills, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died November 1st, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Alphonso Barto, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died November 4th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Lee A. Hall, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, died December 15th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. James H. Welsh, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died December 16th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Robert Clow, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died January 5th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Thos. G. Reames, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died February 21st, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Samuel G. Williams, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died March 14th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Clark Buckingham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died March 17th, 1900.

I was not personally acquainted with any of these brethren, but, judging by the expressions made use of in the communications in which I received notice of their deaths, they were all men of high character and ability, and men who had rendered good service to the Craft. I would recommend that a page of the proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to the commemoration of the virtues of these departed brethren.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

As Grand Master I was requested to lay the corner stone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Red Deer. A special meeting of Grand Lodge was called for that purpose on the 4th day of September, 1899. As I was unable to be present, I requested R. W. Bro. Brown, D. D. G. M. of District No. 9, to officiate for me. This he did to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, the corner stone being well and truly laid.

NEW LODGES.

Five new Lodges were instituted during the year. Full particulars of these are given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

As a full report of all dispensations granted during the year is included in the report of the Grand Secretary, I do not think it necessary to refer to them here.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon during the year to give but one decision, which I think it necessary to report to the Grand Lodge. I was asked "whether a man who had lost his left leg above the knee could be initiated into Masonry." Basing my decision on the very full and eminently judicial discussion of this question by M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Past Grand Master, in his address to this Lodge, in 1898, I ruled in the affirmative.

In this connection I might say that I have been called upon during my term of office to give my decision on a number of questions, when there was no real necessity for such an appeal. A careful reading of the Constitution and the exercise of a little common sense would save a great deal of time in this respect to both the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. I cannot help but feel that it is a great mistake to call upon the Grand Master for his decision, unless the question is one upon which opinions may materially differ, or one of grave importance upon which no decision has previously been given.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In speaking of our Grand Lodge of Manitoba we are accustomed to refer to it in terms of pride, as the largest Masonic Jurisdiction in the world. This is no doubt a great distinction, but at the same time it has its inconveniences. One of the most obvious of these is that the Grand Master is perforce obliged to content himself with visiting only a small number of the Lodges within the Jurisdiction, that is, unless he has an abundance of leisure at his disposal. Owing to the pressure of business and other engagements I have been able to visit only thirteen Lodges during my term of office. These were Prince Rupert, No. 1, Winnipeg; Lisgar, No. 2, Selkirk; Ancient Landmark, No. 3, Winnipeg; St. John, No. 4, Winnipeg; King Solomon, No. 8, Morris; Northern Light, No. 10, Winnipeg; Stonewall, No. 12, Stonewall; Prince of Wales, No. 14, Minnedosa; Corinthian, No. 15, Rapid City; Brandon, No. 19, Brandon; Ionic, No. 25, Winnipeg; East Star, No. 55, Gretna;

and Russell, No. 62, Russell. In my visits to these Lodges I became fully established in a conviction which I had reached many years ago, that much good to Masonry may be accomplished by an official visit of the Grand Master. I shall, however, refer to this matter again, under the head of Lodge Instruction, and shall say nothing further at this point.

On the occasion of my visit to East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, on November 10th, I dedicated the Masonic Hall there with the usual ceremonies.

I have very great pleasure in offering to the brethren I thus met in my official capacity my most cordial thanks for their considerate kindness and courtesy. My thanks are also specially due to the Grand Lodge Officers, who, at my request, accompanied me on these visits. I have to mention especially Bro. W. A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden; Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer; Bro. H. J. Von Eberts, Past Deputy Grand Master; Bro. G. W. Baker, Past District Deputy Grand Master; Bro. E. W. Rugg, Past Grand Registrar; Bro. John Thomson, Grand Junior Deacon; Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. the Hon. Colin H. Campbell, and the District Deputy Grand Masters for Districts 1, 5 and 6, Bros. Laurie, J. M. Robinson, R. P. Crookshank and J. F. Boyd.

APPOINTMENTS.

During the year it has been my pleasant duty to recommend several distinguished brethren of this Jurisdiction as representatives of various Grand Lodges, with which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba holds fraternal relations. The names of these brethren, together with the Grand Lodges who have honored them by appointing them as representatives, will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary. It also fell to me, in accordance with the Constitution, to appoint two District Deputy Grand Masters, one for District No. 5 and one for District No. 3, the brethren of these districts having failed to make an election. I therefore appointed Dr. R. P. Crookshank, of Rapid City, D. D. G. M. for District No. 5, and Bro. C. J. Crawley, D. D. G. M. for District No. 3. Both these brethren have discharged the duties entrusted to them with zeal and fidelity, and I extend to them my personal thanks for the excellent work done in their districts.

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

I have to report to Grand Lodge that I recommended to the Finance Committee that the sum of one hundred dollars be donated to the India Famine Fund. I made this recommendation in the firm belief that it was my plain Masonic duty to do so. The Finance Committee

agreed with me in this, and the sum of one hundred dollars was accordingly handed over to the *Winnipeg Free Press* for transmission to India through the proper authorities. This amount is duly acknowledged. This transaction will come before you in the report of the Finance Committee.

PRESENTATION.

I have to report to the Grand Lodge a very pleasant incident which took place at the regular meeting of Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, in April last. Bro. William McBride, of that Lodge, had been during the winter on a visit to the Holy Land, and while there had attended a meeting of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem. The brethren of that Lodge received Bro. McBride with distinguished hospitality, and on his departure handed to him, for the purpose of presenting to his Grand Lodge, a very handsome gavel. This gavel Bro. McBride presented to me, as your representative, at the meeting above referred to. I accepted it with pleasure and thanked Bro. McBride personally for his kindness and trouble. I would recommend that a suitable acknowledgement be made to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge.

RED RIVER VETERANS.

I had much pleasure in attending in March last, a meeting of Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 1, which was entirely given over to the veterans of the first Red River Expedition. R. W. Bro. D. M. Walker presided, and was assisted by R. W. Bro. H. T. Champion and W. Bro. Colonel McMillan. The meeting was most successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by the very large number present.

WASHINGTON CENTENARY.

In November last I received an invitation from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, requesting me to be present at the Commemoration Service to be held at Mount Vernon on December 14th, 1899, in honor of Bro. George Washington, first President of the United States. I replied regretting my inability to be present and extending to the Grand Lodge of Virginia the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge.

I wish here to make reference to the loss sustained by this Jurisdiction through the removal to New York City of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin, who has always taken a very active part in Masonic work.

THE BOOK OF FORMS AND CEREMONIES.

I desire to draw the attention of the members of Grand Lodge to the Book of Forms and Ceremonies prepared by the Grand Secretary and now ready for distribution. I have read the book with care and am of the opinion that the forms and ceremonies therein are both beautiful and appropriate. The necessity for such a book has long been apparent, and now that provision has been made I trust that it will be studied and used. The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due the Grand Secretary for this most important aid to Masonic thoroughness.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters will be presented to you in due course, and I am certain will meet with your approval. Several of the suggestions made in these reports appeal to me as being especially valuable, and, in my opinion, action should be taken upon them. The mention of the District Deputy Grand Master brings me to the question of the expense of these most invaluable officers. It is unnecessary to point out the benefit that results to the craft in general from the periodical visits of well-skilled brethren, especially charged by Grand Lodge with the duty of examining into the condition of and counselling the Lodges visited. The importance of the office cannot be too much magnified. At the same time, it is evident that the expenses connected with the office must be great, and no provision is made for repayment to these officers of the money expended by them on behalf of Masonry. There is no good reason why these brethren should be compelled to pay for the privilege of benefiting the craft. A resolution stands on the books of the Grand Lodge urging the Subordinate Lodges to pay the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master. Sometimes this is done, sometimes it is not. The lack of uniformity in the practice makes it very awkward for the officers themselves. I am well aware, of course, that nothing can exceed the hospitality with which these brethren are received on their official visits, but this does not do away with the point under discussion. A number of the Grand Lodges in the United States have been turning their attention to this question, and they seem to have arrived at the conclusion that in the interests of Masonry some arrangement should be made to provide for the payment of the expenses of the D. D. G. Masters. In the Grand Lodge of Canada the expenses of the D. D. G. M. are paid by the Lodge visited. I think that definite action providing for payment of all expenses in connection with the office should be taken by the Grand Lodge.

I shall now, brethren, beg your indulgence while I refer to one or two matters to which I think the attention of the craft should be drawn. But first let me speak about one thing which seems to me somewhat curious. I have, during the past few weeks, been reading over the addresses of our Grand Masters for the last ten years. These addresses have contained very many suggestions which, if carried out, would have resulted in marked benefit to the craft. But in numberless cases no action seems to have been taken to carry out the suggestions, admittedly valuable though they were. The Committee on the Grand Master's address have approved and nothing further has been done. I am not referring to this by way of finding fault, but simply to point one way in which improvements may be made. Take, for instance, the very important question of inducing non-affiliated members to connect themselves with some Lodge in the Jurisdiction. The advantages resulting from such a movement have been pointed out time and again, and the dangers which will inevitably result from neglect have also been fully set forth. But I am not aware that any systematic effort has been made to find out the non-affiliated Masons and Masons suspended for non-payment of dues and induce them to resume their Masonic obligations. Much has been done by individuals, but nothing on a large scale has ever been attempted. But this is a matter of such tremendous importance that it cannot safely be neglected. All that is needed is earnest, systematic effort on the part of the various Lodges. The ideal condition of affairs, of course, would be that there should not be a non-affiliated or suspended Mason in the Jurisdiction. We may not be able to entirely realize this ideal, but we may at least earnestly strive to that desired end.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

The benefits resulting from the holding of Lodges of Instruction were most admirably set forth by M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, Past Grand Master, in his address to Grand Lodge at the 1897 Communication. I had the opportunity of verifying Bro. Locke's opinion at the visit which I paid to Brandon Lodge, No. 19, some months ago. A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of this Lodge, to which the brethren of the surrounding districts were invited. The meeting lasted the whole of one day and was most successful from the standpoint of attendance, work, enthusiasm and good accomplished. The opportunity was thus afforded me of meeting many brethren from the Brandon district whom I otherwise would not have known. I cordially agree with everything said by Bro. Locke in regard to the advisability of holding these Lodges of Instruction annually in each district, but would further add that were these Lodges held at convenient dates, duly arranged, they might be productive of good in yet another way. It

might be possible so to arrange the dates for the holding of these Lodges that the Grand Master might be able to visit each district and yet not be absent from his business more than three weeks, if indeed that length of time were necessary. I see no difficulties in the way of working out such a plan. Its advantages, could they be carried out, are obvious, and must commend themselves to all. I recommend this suggestion to the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who will be elected at this communication, as, of course, in their hands would lie the carrying out of the plan proposed.

ATTENDANCE AT DIVINE WORSHIP.

I notice with regret that there seems to be a tendency among some of the Lodges to neglect the time honored custom of attending Divine service at some recognized place of Christian worship. I wish to state most emphatically that in my opinion anything that looks like a severance of Masonry and Christianity cannot but be mischievous to the best interests of the craft. Masonry is not Christianity, but it is so based upon it and so inextricably intertwined with it, that the two cannot be disassociated in the minds of right-thinking Masons. I am well aware that a large number of our brethren, men who are Masons in the very highest meaning of the term, have objections to appearing in public dressed in Masonic clothing and to taking part in Masonic parades. These objections, based upon conscientious grounds, cannot but be respected. But, at the same time, even these may be removed by arranging a Masonic service from which the features objected to could be eliminated. I remember very distinctly a most impressive service which I am sure will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to take part in it, which was held in one of the Lodge rooms in Winnipeg some years ago under the auspices of the five city Lodges. In addition to this the collections taken up at these services might be donated to some charitable purpose, thus drawing the attention of the brethren to the practical side of Masonry. Surely some arrangement could be made so that each Lodge in the Jurisdiction may be enabled to attend Divine service at least once a year. I feel very strongly indeed on this point, and would recommend it to the earnest consideration of the members of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE AND LODGE HISTORIES.

My attention has been called to the subject of Grand Lodge and Lodge Histories by the perusal of the monumental "History of Freemasonry in Canada," from the pen of Bro. John Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The labor involved in the compilation of the work must have been enormous, the more so as

such a length of time has elapsed since the early events narrated took place. It seems to me that the time has come when an earnest effort should be made by both the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges to collect all the historical data available and systematically arrange the same. The importance of this work at this period in our history cannot be over-estimated. As time goes on, those who laid broad and deep the foundations of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction will be passing away. The better part of our Masonic history, that which is really of vital interest, is not that which is to be found written in the Lodge records. Rather are the memories of early struggles on behalf of Masonry, the difficulties encountered and conquered, the little personal incidents of importance, that which distinguishes the true and living history from the mere dry compilation of facts. The opportunity to obtain information for this kind of history is passing away with the pioneers of the Province. Would it not be well, then, that some well-skilled brother, by preference one who was himself concerned in the early history of Masonry here, should be intrusted with the task of writing a comprehensive history of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba during the first quarter of a century of its existence, together with the history of Masonry in Manitoba previous to the formation of the present Grand Lodge? Perhaps the matter might at the beginning be done by the Subordinate Lodges. Were a well-digested history of each Lodge in the hands of the Grand Lodge Historographer, it would materially lighten his labor. In addition to this, a large amount of data relating to the earlier days of Masonry is in existence, having been collected by brethren interested in the question, which would be available if such a plan were carried out. Bro. W. G. Scott has in his possession a large amount of such information, and, indeed, has delivered a very interesting lecture on this subject before the Winnipeg Lodges. I am aware that steps in this direction were taken by the Grand Lodge some years ago, but nothing tangible has as yet been accomplished. Further, the Grand Secretary has been indefatigable in his efforts to obtain pictures and photographs of men and places prominent in the early history of Masonry. Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, has also accomplished something in the same way. Could not this plan be adopted with advantage by the various Lodges? It would not entail very much labor, and certainly the value of such a collection would more than compensate for the labor involved in obtaining it. I recommend this suggestion to your earnest consideration.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MASONIC FUNERALS.

My attention has been called to two evils, which, unless something is done, and done at once, cannot but sap the life of Lodges where they

exist. I refer to the entirely inadequate provision made by some of our Lodges in the matter of life memberships and the suicidal policy which prevails in others of guaranteeing a Masonic funeral to every deceased member. Some of our Lodges have gone so far as to provide that life membership shall be conferred after a certain term of years upon payment of a sum sufficient to pay Grand Lodge fees. Why a man should be rewarded in doing his duty in sharing the expenses and burdens of the Lodge while he was a partaker in its benefits passes my comprehension. The principle is not only unsound, but it is positively dangerous. It may work very well when the Lodge is young and no applications for life membership are possible, but as the Lodge grows older the policy of mortgaging the future will be found to press very heavily upon those who are so unfortunate as not to have reached the desired limit. The question of life membership is a purely business one, and should be treated on business principles. Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, has adopted a by-law fixing the rate for life membership at \$50, deducting, however, \$1 for every year that a brother is associated with the Lodge. I certainly think that no easier method of obtaining life membership could be provided.

With regard to the second of these two evils the mere mention of it is sufficient to condemn it. It must mean financial ruin to the Lodges which adopt it. It can mean nothing else. Freemasonry will never refuse to provide for the funeral expenses of a brother dying in indigent circumstances, but Freemasonry does not exist to pay the funeral expenses of a member whose family are well able to pay the expenses in connection therewith. I would earnestly urge the brethren of the Lodges, in whose by-laws such a provision stands, to consider the matter carefully before it is too late to make any change.

THE SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL SIDE OF MASONRY.

The proper conduct of the business of a Lodge is of prime importance. Too much careful attention cannot be paid to the degree work, but, at the same time, it is to be remembered that the chief end of Masonry is not to transact business and confer degrees. Masonry is a social order, and that side of it should not be neglected. The brother who comes to meeting after meeting of the Lodge and has no opportunity of spending a few minutes in conversation with his brethren soon ceases to attend at all. Many of our Lodges are being materially injured by the habit of cutting off the social part of the meeting for the sake of the ritual work. An ordinary Lodge meeting at which one degree is conferred can be closed in good time and still allow at least one hour for social pleasures. Man is a social being and craves inter-

course with his fellows. If he does not get it at the Lodge room he will go elsewhere. A small sum of money spent in this direction at each meeting will yield ample returns in the more kindly feeling generated among the brethren.

But hand in hand with this social side of Masonry should go the intellectual. I do not intend to dwell upon this point; it has been fully dealt with several times before. I desire simply to call the attention of the brethren to the possibilities for intellectual pleasures which our long winter evenings bring before us, and to urge that this matter be not neglected in arranging for the regular meeting of the Lodge. The Masonic Lodge room should be the intellectual centre of the community. It cannot be so if this phase of Masonry is forgotten.

MASONIC CHARITY.

I am glad to be able to give my unequivocal testimony to the large amount of good that is being done both by the Lodge and by individual Masons in the way of gifts to charitable and benevolent purposes. I notice with pleasure the contributions made by a number of the Lodges to the Patriotic Fund, notably the munificent donations of the Masons of Calgary and Winnipeg. I also notice in the columns of the *Winnipeg Free Press* frequent acknowledgments of amounts contributed to the India Famine Fund by the various Lodges. I have also had brought to my attention numerous acts of charity done in a kindly, unostentatious way by individual members of the craft. I take pride in speaking of these things, as it makes me feel that Masonry is a living reality, not a dead formalism. Were the gifts made to charitable organizations by Masons of Manitoba and the North-West Territories grouped together as a Masonic contribution, the aggregate would be more than astonishing.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

The present communication, making as it does the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, stands as a landmark in our history. It is proper at this point to pause and ask ourselves: What has Masonry done in the past and what shall it accomplish in the future? Were I inclined to dwell upon our material prosperity, I might point out that the present year has been one of unexampled progress. The number of Lodges is advancing by leaps and bounds, while the revenue is more than keeping pace with the membership. But, after all, an order is not judged by the members and the work by them accomplished. Material prosperity is indeed necessary, but it is a means, not an end. The question to be asked is not: How many lodges, how many members, how much money on hand, but what

kind of men, what is their standing and influence, what have they done towards the upbuilding of the social, moral and religious life of the community in which they live? Has Masonry any reason to offer for its existence in the past, has it any good reason to offer why it should continue to exist in the future? I do not care to enter into a discussion of this question. I simply present the problem and leave it to each brother to answer for himself. Masonry is a life. How have we lived it? Personally, I have no doubt of the answer. I am convinced that Masonry has done a great work here in the past quarter of a century. I believe that the life of this Western country is better and purer and sweeter and stronger from the existence of our beloved craft in the past, and that this is the warrant for its continued existence in the future. The opportunities of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction are as limitless as the prairies themselves. It remains for us to decide how these opportunities shall be used. Shall we not say with St. Augustine: "Let us not leave Thee alone to make in the secret of Thy knowledge, as thou didst before the creation of the firmament, the division of light from darkness; let the children of Thy spirit placed in their firmament make their light shine upon the earth, mark the division of night and day and announce the revolution of the times; for the old order is passed and the new arises; the night is spent, the day is come forth; and Thou shalt crown the year with Thy blessing when Thou shalt send forth laborers into Thy harvest, sown by other hands than theirs; when Thou shalt send forth new laborers to new seed times, whereof the harvest shall not be yet."

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the many acts of kindness shown to me during the past year. Especially, I would desire to extend my most cordial thanks to R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for his kindly assistance and courteous attentions. I am sure I am voicing the sentiment of Grand Lodge when I state that the members have heard with regret that it is not the intention of the Grand Secretary to again present himself for election to the office which he has held for so many years. I feel that I cannot close this address without personally paying a tribute to his efficiency and zeal.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I thank you.

JOHN LESLIE,

Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District respectfully reports as follows, viz. :—

That I have endeavored to do my duty as D. D. G. M. without fear or favor, and feel I have done our craft some little good. I have visited every Lodge in the district, with the exception of St. John's, and this, in some measure, was not my fault. The Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection issued a small pocket calendar, giving the dates of the meetings of the different Lodges. St. John's was printed in error, and, depending on the date given, I went to Winnipeg, but found the Lodge would not meet until two weeks later. However, I intend to visit this Lodge later, and so feel thus far I have done my duty. I wish to say to Grand Lodge that this District (No. 1) is to be congratulated. I have not heard of a complaint from any of the Lodges. Every Lodge is in first-class condition, active and strong; all are to be congratulated upon having good secretaries. The Grand Lodge returns in every instance have been sent in promptly and the books are in first-class condition. Out of a membership of 912 we have had four deaths, which is to be regretted, but after all it is the great warning we receive that some of us before another June will be called to stand before the Great Architect of the Universe, and, I trust, fully prepared to meet him.

This, Grand Master, is my report of District No. 1.

MARSHALL LAWRIE,
D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District respectfully reports as follows, viz. :—

I have much pleasure in reporting that I was enabled during the year to pay two official visits to all the Lodges on their regular meeting

nights. I was well received on all my visits by the officers and members of the different Lodges. The Lodges are all in the charge of well-skilled and enthusiastic Masters, who take great interest in the work, and are ably supported by the other officers of the Lodge. During the winter the most of the Lodges held a social gathering in the shape of a supper or an "at home," at which the members and their friends met and enjoyed a pleasant and sociable evening together, fostering a friendly and Masonic feeling among them.

On Saturday, the 12th day of August, 1899, I went to Dauphin, accompanied by Bro. John Curtiss, of Neepawa, to constitute Vermillion Lodge, No. 68. On the train we met W. Bro. T. A. Burrows on his way home from Ontario. We had a gathering of twenty Master Masons present, assisted by R. W. Bro. R. C. Brown and Rev. Bro. Wakefield, who took part as Chaplain, and, with the ancient customs and usages of the craft, we dedicated their hall and consecrated and constituted the Lodge and installed the officers—T. A. Burrows, W. M., Bros. J. G. Harvey and Thomas Young, as Wardens. On Sunday the brethren drove us around to see the country. On the 3rd day of April, 1900, I paid the Lodge an official visit and received a Masonic welcome to Dauphin. I found the Lodge doing good work, with Bro. J. G. Harvey, W. M., and Bros. Young and Barnard as Wardens. The first degree was conferred on David Sutherland by R. W. Bro. R. C. Brown, and the fellowcraft degree on Bros. Walker and Cruse by the W. M. The work was well done and reflects great credit on the Lodge. The books are carefully kept by the Secretary. This Lodge has a great future before it, and will soon be one of the strongest Lodges in the district. After closing the Lodge we adjourned to the Grand View hotel to partake of a bounteous spread provided by the brethren, where we spent a very pleasant time.

After sending my report for last year to the office of the Grand Secretary I received a complaint from Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, against Vermillion Lodge, U. D., for having accepted and initiated W. T. Gill, a rejected candidate from Neepawa Lodge, without making proper inquiries into his character and residence. The papers in this case were before M. W. Geo. B. Murphy, Grand Master, Moosomin, who referred them to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie—I visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night, the 15th of November, 1899, and had a fair attendance of members. The work of this Lodge is well done. There are a number of good Masons in this Lodge, and I hope to see them take a greater interest in the working of the Lodge in future. The W. M., R. Cowie, is well-skilled in the work, and the books are in the

hands of L. Remay, the able Secretary. I was pleased to meet M. W. Bro. C. N. Bell, Past Grand Master, in town, who paid the Lodge a fraternal visit. As the Lodge had no degrees to confer, M. W. Bro. Bell kindly delivered an able address on "Masonic Symbols," which gave us something to study and imparted a lot of Masonic information. I paid my next official visit on the 21st of March, 1900, and had a good attendance at the meeting. The W.M., R. Cowie, opened the Lodge, but owing to other pressing business he had to leave the Lodge about 9 o'clock, when R.W. Bro. George Davidson took charge of the Lodge and conferred the third or Sublime degree of a Master Mason on Bro. Jno. McLennan. The work was very well done, the Wardens, Bros. Armstrong and Hicks, ably assisting. The prospects of the Lodge are good. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. George Davidson and A. S. McGregor, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, in the Lodge. I was very sorry to hear of the sudden death of W. Bro. G. C. Woodside, a Past Master of this Lodge, and trust that God whom we adore may be the stay of his widow and family.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, I visited officially on December 11th, 1899, accompanied by Bro. Peter Hazleton, of Neepawa. I found rather a small meeting, the W. M. being absent in Winnipeg, and W. Bro. R. McComb was in the east. The election of officers was held, when R. W. Bro. T. L. Morton was re-elected W. M., Bros. Egan and Hack, Wardens. The work of the Lodge is well done and prospects good. I paid my second official visit on April 9th, 1900. The W. M. being absent in Winnipeg attending the Legislature, Bro. T. Egan, Senior Warden, opened the Lodge in good form. W. Bro. John Ferguson then took the east and conferred the Fellowcraft degree on Bro. Vickers with some of his old time zest, the officers doing their parts in good style. We spent a very interesting evening together. The books are well looked after by W. Bro. John Ferguson, the able Secretary. On the 27th of February, 1900, the Lodge held an "at home," which I was unable to attend through sickness. I learn that the brethren and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening together.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, I visited officially on December 13th, 1899, and had a large meeting, the W.M., N. Edmeston, in the east. The work of the Lodge is well done; the books carefully kept by T. Yates, the Secretary. The election of officers was then held, when Bro. Peter Hazleton was elected Master, Bros. Herral and Lawrence, Wardens, and W. Bro. A. Lowe, Secretary. I visited a second time on March 14th, 1900, accompanied by V. W. Bro. W. T. Speed, W. M., of Gothic Lodge, U. D., Austin, and found a large meeting. The work is well done by W. Bro. Hazleton and his officers. The books are well looked

after by W. Bro. A. Lowe, Secretary. There being no candidates for degrees, the Lodge illustrated the E. A. degree in fine style. This Lodge is making good progress. A. F. Dalton, ex-Treasurer, having skipped from the town, leaving his wife and family to the charity of the Lodge, a committee has been appointed to examine his doings, and, if necessary, prefer charges against him. The Lodge held its annual "at home" on the evening of the 27th of December, 1899, at which there were about two hundred people present, making quite a successful entertainment. On February 3rd, 1900, several of the brethren, with their ladies, drove out to the residence of W. Bro. John Dempsey and presented him and his wife with a couple of comfortable arm chairs. W. Bro. Dempsey is a Mason of sixty-four years' standing, and he entertained the visitors with stories of olden times. Long may he be spared to go in and out among us. On the 5th of February, 1900, I held a board of installed Masters in the Lodge to confer the Past Master's degree on the W. M. of the Lodge. There were ten P. M.'s present. We had a very profitable meeting.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29—I paid my first official visit to this Lodge on the 14th of November, 1899. I found that the Secretary had removed to Winnipeg, and that the members did not have any notice of my coming to see them that night. There were sixteen Masons present. I found the Lodge doing good work. The Sublime degree of a Master Mason was conferred on Bro. John Armstrong by the W. M., E. Cope, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ireland. The work was very well done. I found the affairs of the Lodge in good shape, harmony prevailing among the members. On the 13th of March, 1900, I visited the Lodge a second time. The members having timely notice of my coming were present in full force. I found the Lodge progressing and everything in good order under the guidance of the W. M., G. Haslim. Bro. Charles May was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason by V. W. Bro. E. Cope, and Bro. John Balfour was raised by the W. M., Bro. G. Haslim, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ireland. The conferring of these degrees was ably done by the several brethren and reflects great credit on the Lodge. The candidates passed a very excellent examination. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright, with lots of work in view.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, MacGregor—I paid my official visit on the 22nd day of November, 1899, and found the Lodge in good shape, with V. W. Bro. W. T. Speed, W. M. There were no degrees to confer, as the candidate was not present. The books are carefully looked after by Bro. F. M. Berry, the Secretary. The Lodge held a basket social on the 27th of December, 1899, which was very successful. I visited the Lodge

again officially on the 18th of April, 1900. The Lodge is in charge of R. W. Bro. D. McLean, W. M. The work is well and carefully done. R. W. Bro. D. McLean, W. M. Two brethren were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was very well done. R. W. Bro. McLean deserves great credit for the untiring interest he takes in Masonry in his district. Since my last visit there were nine members of this Lodge dimitted in order to form a new Lodge at Austin.

Gothic Lodge, U. D., Austin—On January 24th, 1900, I drove to Austin to institute this Lodge, and, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. D. McLean and several Past Masters from Temple Lodge, and W. Bros. Haslim, Cope and Mack, from Carberry, Gothic Lodge, U. D., was duly instituted with the usual usages, with V. W. Bro. W. T. Speed as W. M. The Junior Warden was absent in Ontario. The Lodge starts with a membership of ten, and the prospects seem fairly good. The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, after which we returned to the Lodge room, when the three degrees of Craft Masonry were exemplified by the Past Masters present. About 4 o'clock a.m. we closed the Lodge after a very pleasant night in Masonry. On the 16th of April, 1900, I paid an official visit to the Lodge and found the Lodge room nicely fixed up. The members were well represented. R. W. Bro. McLean and W. Bro. Cairns, from Temple Lodge, were present. Bros. Sloan and Campbell were passed to the Fellowcraft degree, and Bros. Fraser and Delgleish were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W. M. and R. W. Bro. D. McLean. The work was excellent, and the various candidates well prepared. The material in view in this Lodge is good and the prospects bright for a good working Lodge. I find that the members of this Lodge held a meeting on the 15th of January to receive applications for membership and appoint committees on same. They received two applications and appointed a committee on each. At the first regular meeting of the Lodge, February 19th, 1900, the Lodge received the report of these committees, balloted for and initiated the two candidates into the first degree of Masonry. I find that this was done on the authority of a telegram and letter from the Grand Secretary of date of January 15th, 1900. As this Lodge is doing good work and are very careful in their working, I would recommend that a charter and a number be granted to this Lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to convey to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to me during the year. It has been a great pleasure to me to visit every Lodge in the district,

and hope that the genuine tenets of our institution may be transmitted through these Lodges, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

G. S. McGREGOR,

D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in this district.

Oakland Lodge, No. 9—I visited this Lodge on the 13th of March and found everything in a fairly satisfactory condition. This Lodge has been, I regret to say, for some time in a not too prosperous state, owing to dissensions amongst the brethren. I am glad, however, to find that they appear to be getting together again. They have regularly held their monthly meetings, and the W. M. and the officers know their work, and I see no reason why, if the brethren will only make a determined effort, the Lodge should not speedily recover its former good name for efficiency. Considerable trouble in making up returns has been caused to this Lodge by a fire which destroyed all their books, etc., some of which, notably the by-laws, have not been replaced. The Lodge room, altar and other fittings are very fine, quite the best in my district.

Glenboro, No. 48.—I visited here on the 12th of February and found affairs, I am sorry to say, anything but satisfactory. There had been hardly any meetings during the past year, and those had been attended by very few members. A considerable amount of back dues was owing, and altogether the brethren, with a few exceptions, showed only too plainly that they were quite indifferent whether the Lodge was on or not. The officers of the Lodge generally seem to have been attending meetings fairly regularly, and they received no support from the brethren. A third degree was conferred, but as this was the only one for over a year, the officers were not as well posted as they should be. Not having elected officers on the proper day, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge to elect on the 9th of April. I was

present, but believe this was done. I hear no meetings have been held since then. Altogether, I think it will require most careful handling to keep this Lodge alive.

Treherne, No. 51 — I visited this Lodge on the 13th of April and found everything going on well. This Lodge has been put back a great deal by fire, which destroyed all their books, regalia, etc., and have passed through a period of depression, but I think all that is now over. They are getting new members and good ones, and the officers are up to their work and doing their best to bring the Lodge to the good position it held some few years ago. I have no fears for the future in this case. Two brethren were raised on the occasion of my visit and the work was very satisfactory.

Holland, No. 63 — I visited this Lodge on the 9th of May and found everything satisfactory. Officers well up to their work and the brethren giving good support. One brother received the degree of a Fellowcraft, and the degree was well conferred. This Lodge, I am certain, will continue to do well.

Wawanesa, No. 67 — I visited this Lodge on the 9th of April, but owing to most of the members being engaged in seeding and a good many of them being at some distance, we did not get enough brethren together to hold a meeting. I visited again on the 14th of May, and this time had a fair number of brethren present. There being no work to be done the W. M. exemplified the first degree. I found everything satisfactory and have no doubt the Lodge will steadily go ahead as it grows. The officers are all very fairly up in their work, especially the Master, who has not given any degree since their school was closed. All right, and, in fact, everything is as

I visited this Lodge on the 18th of January, and found the brethren to meet me. I consider this Lodge equal to that of any other Lodge in the Province. The officers know and do their work well. The work is perfectly satisfactory. I should most heartily recommend this Lodge.

This Lodge is in a fairly flourishing condition, however, doing better than many of the apathy and laxness of the past two years there have been in every case a little extra work. The D. D. G. M.'s will bring

them back to the condition in which they should be and in which they have heretofore been.

Finally, I beg to thank the brethren in my district for the kindness and hospitality with which I have invariably been received, and assure them that I look back on my official visits with the greatest pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. J. CRAWLEY,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in this district.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden—Being the Lodge of which I am a member, I was present at all its meetings except one, when I was away visiting other Lodges. I also made them an official visit on February 8th. There being no work on, at my request, the W. M. exemplified the first degree. I find the attendance very poor and a great lack of interest amongst the older members, more especially amongst past officers. The present officers are very zealous and do their work well.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Manitou — On February 13th, when the officers exemplified the 1st degree. The attendance was poor, but the officers are enthusiastic and do their work well. The books are well kept.

Crystal Lodge, U. D., Crystal City—On March 13th. The W. M. was unavoidably absent, but the first degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. Duff in a most efficient manner. The books are well kept.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine—On March 14th. This Lodge is in charge of competent officers, and the first degree was very well given. R. W. Bro. Maynard delivered the lecture in the third degree. The books are well kept.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney—On March 15th. I am sorry to say that Masonry is not in a flourishing condition in this Lodge.

The W. M. was absent, and I had to take the chair and open and close the Lodge. M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, who had most kindly offered me his assistance, then exemplified the third degree, and also gave a lecture on that degree. I have hopes that our visit did good and that the Lodge will be more prosperous this next year. The books are well kept.

Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita—On March 16th. The attendance was very good considering the distance some members have to go and the stormy night. The I. P. M. conferred the first degree very creditably. The books are well and accurately kept.

Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain—On March 27th. This is indeed the Banner Lodge of this district, being the strongest financially, owning their own hall. The officers conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. R. W. Bro. Maynard delivered the lecture in the 3rd degree. The books are well kept and the interests of the Lodge looked after very carefully by R. W. Bro. J. D. Baine.

I found Masonry in this district in a fairly healthy condition, but suffering from two things, namely, the transient nature of the population, and again the lack of interest exhibited in most cases by the older members, and I am sorry to say in a great many cases by Past Masters. The first cannot be remedied, but I think the second should be, and I spoke very strongly to each Lodge on the subject.

Like my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. L. Campbell, I strongly urged the necessity of more Masonic reading, and suggested the advisability of each Lodge procuring Masonic books, and, in fact, forming a nucleus of a district library. I found the books of the different Lodges well kept, and the only thing lacking in the Historical Register being the history of the formation of the Lodge. In these cases I advised the appointment of a committee to write this up, which I find in some cases was done.

One other thing I noticed in my district is the number of members in arrears for dues and the length of time some were in arrears. I think this is a state of things that should not exist, for, if a brother at any time is unable to pay his dues, I think Masonic charity could not be used to better advantage than by remitting him his dues.

I have much pleasure in recommending that Crystal Lodge, U. D., be granted a charter. The officers and members are enthusiastic, and I feel sure this Lodge will always be able to give a good account of itself.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren of this district my appreciation of their kindness and of the cordial reception everywhere extended to me on my visits to the several Lodges. And also to thank

them for the honor they conferred on me by electing me to the responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

ALAN M. STEWART,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Most Worshipful Sir,—I beg leave to report:—

That this district, comprising the Lodges situated at Minnedosa, Rapid City, Birtle and Russell, is in a good healthy state.

While uttering the regret that this district was not represented at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Regina, I have also to express my appreciation, Most Worshipful Sir, of the honor conferred in appointing me to the office of your Deputy and Representative in District No. 5.

I have the pleasure of reporting that the Lodges have purchased a D.D.G.M. regalia for the district, so that their Representative may be clothed in a manner becoming the dignity of his office, and as behooves an attendant upon the Grand East.

I officially visited Birtle Lodge, No. 39, on October 9th, 1899, and while there was no work at that time put on, yet I found that a candidate was progressing slowly but surely towards the Masonic goal.

The removal of some of the old members from the district and dismissing of others has here tended to bring matters Masonic to a standstill, while there was a noticeable lack of available material, and the brethren are passing through that quiescent stage of existence which, at one period or another, comes to every Lodge. But, if they will bestir themselves, take interest in affairs Masonic, keep in touch with neighboring Lodges, call upon their reserve fund of energy for a time, look up and interest themselves in any visiting brother or brethren who may happen to sojourn in their town, they will be surprised to find themselves emerging from this period of depression in far better shape than when they entered upon it.

I proceeded to Russell on October 10th and held a very enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting, and although it was an emergent one, several of the brethren came a goodly number of miles to attend. This speaks well for the future. Russell Lodge, No. 62, should make good, steady progress, and I can assure my successor in office that hearty co-operation, supported by earnest individual effort awaits him in the western end of the district.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14 — I was from various unforeseen circumstances unable to again officially visit until May 11th, 1900, when I was accompanied by W. Bro. Daly, Bros. Rouse and Dunoon, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 15. I found everything and everybody living up to the traditions of this Lodge. I have many times, Most Worshipful Sir, had the pleasure of seeing work done there, and the feeling of interest aroused in one, coupled with the inner consciousness that makes the listener settle himself in his seat, with an utter relaxation from care and watchfulness, entirely content that *now* he will see work done as it should be, easy, graceful and with perfect finish, is unwittingly prominent here. During the term a large number of candidates have received degrees, and I can only congratulate Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, upon their zeal and energy and trust they will long continue in such a prosperous condition.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15—This being my mother Lodge, I have been able to attend the majority of the meetings held during the year. Like Birtle Lodge, No. 39, they have lost many members, some moving from the district and others, living away from the town, taking out dimits. However, I may safely say that Corinthian Lodge has successfully passed through her trial and is emerging with fresh zeal and enthusiasm. We look for a goodly increase during the coming year. I visited this Lodge officially on June 5th. During the past year our district was honored with an official visit from the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Officers. On November 21st Corinthian Lodge received them, and although no degree work was put on, yet a very pleasant and memorable evening was spent.

On Wednesday the 22nd, adding R. W. Bro. A. Chisholm, P.G.C., to our number, we visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. The E. A. degree was there exemplified in the usual complete and perfect manner always to be found in this Lodge; and although there was a large political meeting the same evening in the town, yet the attendance was such at Lodge that when the candidate had completed his work, room had to be made for him to sit down.

The following day we started for the Town of Russell to hold a district meeting. R. W. Bro. George W. Baker (10) met us at the

train, while we sadly parted with the genial R. W. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, who was obliged to return to the Capital. Owing to the political crisis as large a representation from the various Lodges as had expected to be present were unable to meet us at Russell. However, R. W. Bro. J. F. Boyd, of Prince of Wales Lodge; W. Bro. W. B. Chapman and Bro. the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Birtle, journeyed with us. I think, Most Worshipful Sir, you will bear me out when I say we had a goodly, enthusiastic gathering of the craft at our district meeting. The E. A. degree was exemplified by Russell Lodge and the M. M. degree worked by a no less distinguished coterie than the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. George W. Baker, and W. Bro. C. Woodside, of Portage la Prairie.

Words fail me, Most Worshipful Sir, to fully express the good your visit has done in the district. It has made plain to the members of the country Lodges that they are, though situated at such a distance from, still in personal touch with the Grand East; that more than a mere casual interest is taken in their welfare, and that all or any matters pertaining to their well-being are also of vital importance to the Grand Lodge; and while they are only links in the chain of Masonry, yet each link has to be strong and without flaw to secure the stability of the whole.

I have only, Most Worshipful Sir, to call your attention to the steady increase of work done in our district as an evidence of your visit bearing good fruit, and to endorse my opening statement—that District No. 5 is in a healthy condition.

I am very pleased, Most Worshipful Sir, to report two noteworthy events, noteworthy as occurring in a country district, namely, the presentation of Past Master's jewels to two very distinguished and popular members of the Craft. Each of them has proven himself an earnest, indefatigable worker, not only taking a lively interest in matters pertaining to his Lodge, but every holding his best ready and at her command. On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1899, R. W. Bro. A. C. Sewell was so decorated by the members of Prince of Wales Lodge, and on April 3, 1900, R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Stone was the recipient of like honor at the hands of his brethren of Corinthian Lodge. As your Deputy, I would note these events as showing that although the country Lodges may be unable to present each Past Master with a jewel, yet they are keenly alive to disinterested and unselfish work on behalf of the Lodge.

It is with sincere regret, Most Worshipful Sir, I have to record the departure of one of these Brethren to take his seat in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. I was summoned on May 4th to attend the funeral of R. W. Bro.

A. C. Sewell, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. R. W. Bros. E. Peplow and G. L. Stone, and Bros. Rouse and LePage, of Corinthian Lodge, very kindly accompanied me, and with all due solemnity and impressive rite the remains of our departed brother were committed to their last earthly resting place. Not only personally, but those throughout the district who knew the late R. W. brother sincerely sympathize with Prince of Wales Lodge in the loss they have sustained in the death of a member so prominent, earnest, liberal, and I can truthfully say one of the best Masons in the district.

May I be permitted, Most Worshipful Sir, to suggest that you recommend, suggest and enjoin upon your D. D. G. M.'s to keep a district minute book, each one of, and concerning affairs Masonic in their own district. The compilation of such books would be apart from the Grand Secretary's Annual Report, his statistical tables, the report of the Committee on State of Masonry, a personal and direct Craft history of this Grand Jurisdiction. I would consider such a work as of a three-fold value.

Historically—While the number of Lodges in a district may at the present time be limited, yet this is a growing country, and new Lodges will continually, year by year, be springing into existence, and a book in the hands of a D. D. G. M. passing on to his successor in office, containing all matters of Masonic interest that had transpired during his term of office, will, in course of time, become a valuable historic document of the district.

Take such a trio of Lodges as exist in the City of Winnipeg—Ancient Landmark, Prince Rupert's and Northern Light—who lost such valuable records at the fire in the old hall. Consider what a boon such a minute book as this would be to these Lodges had it been in existence.

Statistically—In this book would appear all figures relating to Masonry in the district and would be there to form at any time comparative statements — increase in membership, insurance, benevolent funds, and such like.

Reference—Here would be kept accounts of the pleasant histories leading to the formation of new Lodges, all district meetings, signatures of visitors the various Lodges taking part and their representatives, all questions discussed of importance to the district, visits of the M. W. the Grand Master and his officers, demise and histories of prominent members of the Craft, all or any ceremonials occurring in the district, so that a future D. D. G. M. might have both interesting and possibly instructive information to assist him in making out his yearly report to the Grand Lodge.

Where the district is a large one or from various causes the D. D. G. M. be unable to undertake the work a District Secretary might be appointed to accompany the D. D. G. M. in his official capacity and take charge of this work, under his supervision; otherwise such records could be kept by a capable D. D. G. M.

I cannot conclude this report, Most Worshipful Sir, without expressing both acknowledgment and appreciation of the thoughtful kindness and consideration extended to me by the officers and members of the Lodges in this district during my term of office, and I bespeak for my successor the continuance of such courtesies.

I would also assure the Representatives of this august body that a most hearty and cordial welcome awaits them, at all times, whenever they grace District No. 5 with their presence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK, M. D.,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows:—

That I have officially visited all the Lodges in my district, with the exception of Hartney, and this Lodge I hope to see at work before the close of the Masonic year.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19 — As I belong to Brandon Lodge, I have attended nearly all the meetings, and have made two official visits. Brandon Lodge is in excellent shape and doing good work. The officers are well-skilled and enthusiastic Masons. This Lodge is very fortunate in having a Secretary who takes great pride in his work, and spares no pains in carrying out the duties of his office.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris—I visited this Lodge officially on Friday, May 11th, at a regular meeting. This is one of the oldest Lodges in the district, and I feel it would be unfair not to make a reference to the expense the Souris brethren have gone to, and the taste displayed in the fitting up of their Masonic Home. Too often the Lodges

are poorly furnished and carelessly kept, and present anything but an attractive appearance. Glenwood Lodge is by far the best equipped of any in the district, and visitors are at once struck by the elegance and the bright and cheery appearance of the Lodge. The second degree was conferred and the work well done. The books are in good shape and the Lodge in a satisfactory condition.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden—Official visit, Tuesday, May 8th, at a regular meeting. As there was no degree work, the time of the meeting was spent in the discussion of various matters, having reference to Masonry in general, and Lebanon Lodge in particular evinced a knowledge of Masonry and Masonic jurisprudence, which was exceedingly creditable. I found the Secretary's books have been neglected to a considerable extent, and left instructions to have this matter looked into at once.

Oak Lake, No. 44, Oak Lake—Official visit, Thursday, May 10th; regular meeting. Saw third degree conferred. The work was well done and the officers showed an intelligent interest and desire to observe the landmarks and work in accordance. The Secretary, Bro. Helliwell, is to be congratulated on the way in which his work is done. Oak Lake Lodge owns its own hall.

Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander—Official visit, Tuesday, April 10th; regular meeting. This was a particularly pleasant visit. Accompanied by over a dozen members of the Brandon Lodge, I visited Composite Lodge and saw the third degree conferred in a manner that would be creditable to any of the City Lodges. The W. M. did splendid work and was ably supported by his officers. W. Bro. Fenwick is a model Secretary, and the affairs of the Lodge is in good shape and in excellent hands.

Elkhorn Lodge, U. D.—Acting under a Dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master, I instituted Elkhorn Lodge on the 18th September, 1899. This Lodge starts its Masonic career under very favorable auspices, and I think should be in a short time a good strong organization, though few in number. The brethren are good Masons, and have the welfare of our Order at heart, and start with a determination to succeed. This Lodge, under Bro. Cushing, will, I think, succeed, and make its influence felt in the neighborhood.

I am pleased to say that harmony reigns over the Sixth District. I have not been called upon to issue any dispensation or settle any dispute among the brethren.

There is an increase in membership, which, while not being very large, is of such a character as to guarantee that the interests of Mas-

only will not be allowed to suffer. The meetings are held regularly and the attendance satisfactory, considering the number of brethren living in the country and who have to drive a long distance to attend.

The matter of payment of dues is not nearly as well looked after as it should be, and, strange to say, the smaller and weaker Lodges have the largest amount of arrears. The calls for relief have not been many, but I am glad to say have been responded to in a generous Masonic manner. Financially this district makes a good showing. Cash on hand, \$896.08; liabilities, \$401.00. The total of assets over liabilities is about \$3,300, carrying \$1,800 insurance, making a very satisfactory showing.

We had our annual Lodge of Instruction at Brandon in March, and held three sessions—morning, afternoon, and evening. The attendance was good, and we were favored with the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, accompanied by Bros. Baker and Windatt, of Winnipeg, whose presence and counsel were appreciated highly.

The only suggestions I care to make as to this district are:—

1. To spend a good deal more time and care in the Historical Register of each Lodge. This valuable work is neglected in nearly every case, and should not be, as in years to come these records will be very valuable and of historic interest..
2. Not to make too many changes among the officers. Too often we see an officer leave his post just when he is beginning to be useful and thoroughly know his work, and the Lodges are continually suffering from being under the control of officers new to the work. The Secretary especially should be retained as long as possible, and, whenever at all possible, should be paid for his work.
3. To continue holding Lodges of Instruction every year, and to try and interest the brethren so that they may feel that their expenditure of time and money have been more than repaid by the knowledge acquired.

In closing, I desire the brethren to accept my hearty thanks for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me D. D. G. M., as well as for the truly fraternal greeting and friendly manner in which they have welcomed me to their Lodges and homes, and my most earnest wish is that prosperity and brotherly love may long continue to shed their benign influence over the Sixth Masonic District.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. ROBINSON,

D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

My first official act was the institution of Duck Lake Lodge on the 23rd of August, 1899. I found the Duck Lake brethren very enthusiastic. The officers appeared familiar with the work and to have a proper appreciation of their duties, and I left them with every confidence in their ability and willingness to make the new Lodge a success. My thanks are due to R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh, of Regina, who assisted me in the ceremony; also to Bros. M. Banks, of Winnipeg; W. Knox, D. A. McGregor and W. R. Gunn, of Prince Albert, who kindly accompanied me and contributed greatly to the success of the meeting.

I was present officially at the annual festival meeting of Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, on the 29th of December, 1899, for the purpose of installing their officers.

On the 21st of March, 1900, I paid my official visit to Duck Lake Lodge, U. D., Duck Lake, a special meeting having been called for the purpose. I was much pleased to find the great hopes which I had formed for this Lodge more than realized. Their comfortable hall was substantially furnished. They were provided with splendid collars and jewels for the officers, and all the paraphernalia necessary for the successful carrying on of the Lodge. All of these articles were paid for and a neat surplus in the treasury. The accounts and records were kept in a most careful and efficient manner. Altogether, I consider the outlook as regards this Lodge most encouraging, and should it please the Grand Lodge to grant it a charter, I have no hesitancy in offering my assurance that so long as its affairs are conducted as at present, there will be no reason for repenting of the act.

I visited Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, on the 6th April. This being my own Lodge, my visit to a great extent was merely a matter of form. I am pleased to report it in a most flourishing condition, with a total membership of 53. The records and accounts are carefully kept, and everything in this respect I found perfectly satisfactory.

It was my full intention to have visited Battle Lodge, No. 38, Battleford, but I very much regret that circumstances occurred to prevent

it. I am sorry to report that I have learned from correspondence that the affairs of this Lodge are not in as flourishing a condition as I could desire. This I believe is not attributable to the members of the Lodge, but to the fact that many of the brethren have left the district. I trust, however, that the near future will witness a revival of Masonry in Battleford, and that Battle Lodge will again become what it has been in the past. It has a total membership to date of 21.

The arrears in all Lodges I find to be small, with a good surplus of assets over liabilities.

The property of each Lodge is fully covered by insurance.

I regret to have to report that the number of non-affiliates in this district is lamentably great. This is partly due to the apathy of individual members of Lodges, many of whom fail to realize their personal responsibility for this state of affairs. There are other reasons, which, however, I consider unwise to discuss in a report of this kind.

A noticeable feature throughout the district is the irregularity of attendance at Lodge meetings. As the success and usefulness of Masonry depends entirely upon the degree of interest manifested in it by individual brethren, this is certainly one of the most serious evils to be contended with. It is, of course, out of the question to devise any arbitrary measures to meet the case, which could be successfully applied. Realizing this, I have endeavored to impress upon all my brethren throughout the district the urgent necessity for individual exertions toward the remedy of this great evil.

In conclusion, I desire to convey my thanks to the brethren of Kinistino and Duck Lake Lodges for the kindness and consideration with which I have invariably been received by them. I have endeavored, so far as lay in my power, to merit the honor, which has been conferred upon me. I shall always look back upon my incumbency of this office with the greatest of pleasure, and venture to hope that my duties have been discharged in such a manner that the brethren will at least regard it as not detrimental to the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

C. O. DAVIDSON,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

I beg to hand you herewith my report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District. I regret that owing to my private avocation I was unable to visit all the Lodges in the district within the prescribed time. I have, however, during the year visited every Lodge, and will include as an appendix to my report the condition of the Lodges visited after the prescribed time, and trusting, Most Worshipful Sir, that under the circumstances that existed the report will be accepted.

My first official act was the installation of the officers of Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, under their charter, on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1899. A fair number of brethren were present. They have a good room, beautifully furnished. The work is well performed, and by the tabulated statement hereto, excellent progress has been made since dispensation. Books are correctly and neatly kept.

In the interest of this Lodge, however, I think it might be advisable if it were located in another district. Owing to its position and railway facilities, a trip cannot be made in less than five days from the main line, and believing it is their desire to change, would respectfully recommend that the request be granted. To visit the Lodge I had to drive about 185 miles.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, I visited officially on November 17th. As this is the Lodge of which I am a member and also the Secretary, I had ample opportunity of seeing the work. It is well done, and I think the fact that to December 27th every member of the Lodge had paid all dues in full clearly indicates the condition of it.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34—I first visited on December 12th and found matters in a condition that should not exist. I was also with the Lodge on the 18th of February and March 21st. Not the right kind of interest appears to be taken. Difficulty was even experienced in the opening and closing ceremonies. Too many dues have been allowed to accumulate, otherwise the books are well kept.

On the 9th of March, assisted by W. Bro. Fitzgerald and members of Evening Star and Indian Head Lodges, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Wolseley Lodge, U.D. The brethren have secured a good room, and from the manner in which W. Bro. Pollock handled the gavel after installation and performed some of the work, I do not

think Masonry will be discredited in Wolseley. After the ceremony the Wolseley brethren entertained the visitors right loyally.

H. H. CAMPKIN,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

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Wascana Lodge, No. 26—I visited this Lodge on May 1st. Although their regular meeting, there were but very few out and but little interest shown. The work performed was not the best. The minutes are not kept in the form prescribed, but I must add, in justification of Bro. Peart, the Secretary, he is trying to do his best, but has been following the forms of previous meetings instead of the Constitution. Of 56 members, 36 are one year or more in arrears, which total amount aggregates \$313.48. Future prospects do not appear very bright.

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, I visited on May 2nd, but owing to running of trains and many of the officers and members being connected with the railway, I was not able to have a meeting in the afternoon. I met, however, a number of the brethren and inspected the books, which, I am pleased to say, are correctly and well kept. I learn that the work is well performed, and judging by the feeling shown, the best of harmony prevails. Prospects are bright.

N.W.M.P. Lodge, No. 61, I visited on the 3rd of May. This Lodge through circumstances beyond its control is in a condition that will require the consideration of Grand Lodge. All of the officers and members are away but two, either being drafted for Yukon Territory or volunteered for service in South Africa to fight the battles of our Queen. It therefore now renders it impossible to do work. The books have been well and properly kept.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34, I again visited on the 8th of May, and am pleased to say I found a better attendance and a little more life and energy shown. I trust the Lodge has taken a new lease of life.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, I visited on the 9th of May, and considering the very short notice there was a good attendance. Work is well done. Books since January are properly kept. Prospects are bright. Old Masons take great interest. I was informed that out of thirteen P.M.'s nine were present at the meeting. Best of feeling prevails. Have a very comfortable room well furnished.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, I visited May 10th. This Lodge has not yet fully recovered its loss by fire, and the members are considerably inconvenienced for the want of a proper hall. A fair number of brethren

were present. The work was well performed. Books are neatly and correctly kept. A very pleasant evening was spent. The right spirit prevails here and good work is being done, and from indications shown I believe much good will be accomplished by Masonry in that county.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, I visited May 11th. A good attendance was present. The work was well performed, in fact, one of the best in the district. Books are kept in correct form. Dues have accumulated a little too much, but this is to be remedied forthwith. Perfect harmony prevails, and everything appears to be working well.

Wolseley Lodge, U. D., I again visited on May 14th. Attendance good. Work fair. No progress in membership has been made since dispensation was granted in March.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32, I visited on May 15th. The work was beautifully performed by W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, and the books are correctly and neatly kept by Bro. R. Williams. The Lodge room is elegantly furnished and the best of harmony prevails. This is the Banner Lodge of the district. Although there has been no change in the membership roll during the past year, I am pleased to note that interest has not decreased in the slightest. I also find that during the year some seven or eight addresses have been given by the members.

Respectfully submitted and regretting my failure to have completed in the prescribed time, Most Worshipful Sir.

Faternally yours,

H. H. CAMPKIN,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in this district :—

I am happy to be able to report that all the Lodges in the district are in a prosperous condition, and have made a marked increase in membership during the past year.

I was installed as D. D. G. M. in Perfection Lodge, No. 60, by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. I. S. G. Van Wart, on the 12th of July, 1899.

The most important Masonic event of the year in this district was the laying of the corner stone of St. Luke's Church (Anglican) at Red Deer, Alta., on the 4th of September, 1899, and the instituting of Red Deer Lodge, U. D., at the same date. In these ceremonies M. W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara kindly assisted me. The beautiful silver trowel presented me by the Vestry of St. Luke's Church on the occasion is one of my most valued treasures.

There is only one death to report, Bro. R. M. Milne-Miller, of Red Deer Lodge, U. D., who went to South Africa just at the outbreak of the present war. He enlisted in the Natal Carbineers and was one of the brave defenders of Ladysmith. On the 18th of December last he visited Klip River Lodge, A. F. & A. M., E. R. One of the enemy's shells burst in the Lodge room, killing Bro. Miller and wounding several others. Red Deer Lodge has dedicated a page of their Historical Register to his memory. There has been no Lodge of Instruction held in this district during the year, although I find that it is the custom in all the Lodges to meet for practice. The Lodges are such a distance apart that there can be but little visiting. Edmonton and Strathcona Lodges are only three or four miles apart, and in Calgary we have two Lodges, but there are no other Lodges in the District within visiting distance of each other.

On the 27th December I installed the officers of Bow River and Perfection Lodges, assisted by R. W. Bro. I. S. G. Van Wart and W. Bros. Macdonald, Higgs, DeSousa, Gillies, Markely and Fraser.

Very soon after the 27th I was informed that the brethren of Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe, had not been able to hold their installation of officers at the regular time. I also found that not only the W. M. elect, but also the Master who had presided over the Lodge for the previous two years had not been installed. I procured a dispensation to hold their installation on the 4th of January, 1900. I was assisted by W. Bros. Markely, Finlator and Burdick. W. Bro. Fream and others, of Red Deer, were present.

To make sure that such irregularity did not occur in other Lodges, I issued a circular to all the Lodges in the district, asking information regarding the time of their installation, the names of those forming the Installing Board, and the names of the officers installed. I think it ought to be made the imperative duty of Secretaries of Lodges to send such information to the D. D. G. M. immediately after the installation, or, in case an installation was not held, to report the cause of such failure without delay.

On the 5th of January, 1900, a concert and ball were given by the

brethren in Calgary for the benefit of the Patriotic Fund. The proceeds, \$750, was forwarded through the Toronto Globe.

I have found that in most of the Lodges there is not as much attention given to the Historical Register as should be; in some Lodges it has been entirely neglected. I have tried to impress upon the Secretaries of the Lodges the importance of this, and that it is a duty they owe to those who succeed them to keep a complete record and history of their Lodges. These Registers will be of the greatest interest to future generations.

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in the district, except Innisfail Lodge, No. 58. When I made my arrangements to visit the Lodges along the line of the C. & E., I fixed upon Monday, the 19th of March, as the time most convenient to visit Innisfail. But as the W. M. and several of the brethren live a long distance out in the country, it was thought that it would not be possible to get a satisfactory meeting except on one of the regular nights, so I consented to postpone my visit till their regular meeting in April or May. Unfortunately, I was unable to fill that appointment. I regret this very much, but under the circumstances I do not think that either the Lodge or myself can be censured for the failure. From enquiries made I found that the Lodge is in good financial standing. The W. M. has to drive 100 miles each time he attends the Lodge, and is more punctual than many Masters who have only to cross the street to reach the Lodge room. They are also fortunate in having a good secretary and a number of P.M.'s, who take an active interest in the work.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary—This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, although there is a greater amount of dues outstanding than there should be, greatly owing to carelessness of former secretaries. But I am happy to be able to say that this is being remedied by the present Secretary, W. Bro. J. deSousa. Several members of this Lodge are with the Canadian contingents serving in South Africa. The S. W. & S. D. are with the Strathcona Horse. I am a charter member and a constant attendant of this Lodge and can vouch for the correct manner in which the work is done.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Anthracite — I visited this Lodge on the 14th of December. There was a good attendance of the brethren. The third degree was conferred in splendid style. Cascade Lodge has always taken pride in its correct and impressive manner of conferring degrees. The books are in the best shape of any in the district — no debts, no delinquent dues, while their bank account shows a good balance to their credit. The Historical Register is written up to date.

They have a good, well-furnished set of rooms used for Masonic purposes only. They donated \$100 to the Patriotic Fund.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton—On the 23rd of March I visited Edmonton Lodge. Among the visitors were R. W. Bro. T. F. English and W. Bros. Wilkins, May and MacKenzie, the W. M.'s of Bow River, Perfection and Eureka Lodges, and V. W. Bro. Moran, who has been recommended by the brethren petitioning for a dispensation to open a new Lodge at Fort Saskatchewan, as their first W. M. There was a large number of other visitors and a good attendance of the brethren. The second degree was exemplified in very good style—the officers were well up in their work. I found the books well kept. The Lodge is to be congratulated in having such a good Secretary and such an enthusiastic Master. The Master has not missed a meeting of the Lodge since he was initiated. The Lodge has purchased two lots on which to build a hall, and have considerable money out at interest.

Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary—I visited this Lodge officially on the 30th of November. I also installed their officers on the 27th of December. I have been a frequent visitor of this Lodge ever since it was instituted. They have always been fortunate in having their offices filled with skilled and enthusiastic workers. Their remarkable success in a great measure is to be attributed to this. They have made a most marked increase in membership during the past year. They, together with Bow River Lodge, Alberta Chapter of R. A. M., and Cypress Preceptory of K. T., meet in a large, well-furnished hall, which is used for Masonic purposes only.

Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe—I installed the officers of this Lodge on the 4th of January. Afterwards the second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. All the books of the Lodge are in good shape, except the Historical Register. I hope this will be attended to as promised. The Lodge, though small, is more than holding its own, and has prospects of more work in the future.

Acacia Lodge, No. 66, Strathcona—In company with a number of the brethren of Edmonton, I visited this Lodge on the 21st of March. The opening and closing was well done, but there was no work. The books are well kept, the Lodge room comfortable and well-furnished. The Lodge is in good hands and its prospects are good.

Red Deer Lodge, U. D., Red Deer—I instituted this Lodge on the 4th of September. On the 5th of January I visited it officially, and I was much pleased with the progress it had made. The second degree was conferred upon two candidates. The work could hardly be excelled by any Lodge in the district. The officers are well-posted and

take a keen interest in their work. They have convenient rooms and all the necessary paraphernalia. The books are well attended to. The Historical Register not only contains a full account of the present Lodge, but the Secretary has written up a short history of the former Lodge (Red Deer Lodge, No. 59), which was instituted several years ago, now extinct. I have much pleasure in being able without any reservation to recommend that a charter be granted to this Lodge. The Lodge has contributed \$25 to the India Famine Fund.

In conclusion, I must recommend that this district either be divided or that some provision be made to pay the travelling expenses of the D.D.G.M. I have in the discharge of my duties travelled over 1,000 miles, and yet have not done all that should have been done. It has been a very important year in this Masonic district, and from all appearances my successor will have more work than I have had. There will be a Lodge to institute at Fort Saskatchewan, and probably at Olds and Leduc. If the expenses are to be paid by the Lodges it should be levied upon them in proportion to their membership, so that the smaller Lodges, those who need the help and encouragement of the D. D. G. M. the most, and are least able to bear the expense, will not be taxed so high as the large, flourishing Lodges, some of whose members generally hold the office.

Now that my term of office is at a close, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the unvarying kindness with which I have been received, and especially to acknowledge the promptness and courtesy of the secretaries of the Lodges in all my correspondence with them.

Fraternally submitted,

E. NELSON BROWN,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

I have much pleasure in reporting on the state of Masonry in this district during the past year. Harmony prevails in every Lodge and

no complaints have been laid before me. I have made each Lodge an official visit, all of them being on their regular meeting nights, as I considered then the proper time to visit them. I was well received by the brethren in the different Lodges, every meeting proving to be very enjoyable and profitable.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat—I visited this Lodge on February 13th. There was a large attendance. Among those present were Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Tweed and Right Worshipful Brother Finlay. I saw the first degree conferred in a most satisfactory manner. I also made a second visit on April 10th. There was a large attendance, among whom were Most Worshipful Brother Thos. Tweed, Right Worshipful Brother Finlay, and Brother Dr. McEachren, of St. Paul Lodge, Montreal. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred on two candidates, the work being well done by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Adsit, and his officers. The Senior Deacon, Dr. Smyth, gave the long lecture on the second degree, and it was the best I ever heard it given. I have been visiting Medicine Hat Lodge at different times for several years and always found them to do their work in a proper manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, as will be seen by the report.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, Macleod, Alberta—I visited this Lodge on March 14th, and the attendance here was good. As the Worshipful Master, Brother Cunningham, had gone to the war, W. Bro. D. L. Murison acted as Worshipful Master, and the officers beautifully conferred the third degree. It gave me much pleasure to be present for the decorum was fine. This Lodge is doing good work, for the Worshipful Master and officers, also the brethren, seem to take a great interest in having everything done right. The Secretary, R. G. Mathews, could not find the date when returns were sent to the Grand Secretary, but was sure they had been sent.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek, Alberta — I visited this Lodge on March 16th. Here also the attendance was good. The Worshipful Master, Brother John H. W. S. Kemmis, lives 22 miles from the Lodge and has not missed a meeting. Also several other members live from 22 to 35 miles away, and these have not missed a meeting, so we must conclude that the brethren of this Lodge have Masonry at heart, where it ought to be. I asked the Worshipful Master how they had such a good attendance, and he told me those who lived at a distance had to come to town once a month, so they had made arrangements to come at meeting time. I consider this the Banner Lodge of the district, and it is in a most flourishing condition.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, Maple Creek—I paid my official visit April 12th. This being my own Lodge, and as I was the first Worshipful Master, I take a great interest in it. I had the pleasure of seeing the E. A. degree conferred in a very creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Dixon, and his officers. For the last two years we have had a hard time to get enough members to hold our meetings, but the future looks brighter. Nearly all our members belonged to the N. W. M. Police, but they have been moved to different places, which left us short of members to hold our meetings, but I hope this will be a thing of the past and that we shall be able to give a better account of Maple Leaf Lodge meetings at the next Grand Lodge.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, Lethbridge, Alberta — I visited this Lodge on March 12th, the attendance being good and the brethren well up to their work. I saw the Fellowcraft degree exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Brother Hugh Scott, and his officers, the work being well done. I looked over the books with the Secretary, Brother Nedham. He could not find the date when returns were sent to the Grand Secretary, but was sure they had been sent. The books seemed to be neatly kept and were in good order. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, as will be seen by the report.

In conclusion, I beg to thank all my Masonic brethren throughout the district for the cordial reception with which I have been received by all the Lodges, and tender my thanks to R. W. Brother W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for his kindness to me in answering all questions which I submitted to him.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM BARNWELL,
D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, presented his annual report, as follows :

RECEIPTS.

To balance.	\$1257 80
Oct. 24—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	\$ 200 00
Oct. 31—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00
Nov. 27—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00
Nov. 30—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00
Dec. 27—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00
1900.	
Jan. 11—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00
Jan. 26—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	500 00
Feb. 28—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	300 00
Mar. 27—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	450 00
Mar. 29—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	250 00
Mar. 31—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	277 01
	\$2977 01
	\$4234 81

EXPENDITURES.

Mar. 31—Order 842, Masonic Temple	\$ 50 00
Mar. 31—Order 843, W. G. Scott	175 00
Apr. 13—Order 844, Thos. W. Taylor	4 00
Apr. 13—Order 845, W. G. Scott	6 50
Apr. 13—Order 846, E. W. Rugg & Co.	11 85
Apr. 13—Order 847, W. G. Scott	17 26
Apr. 13—Order 848 McIntyre Bros.	18 00
Apr. 13—Order 849, W. G. Scott	34 60
July 19—Order 850, Geo. B. Murphy.	100 00
July 19—Order 851, A. D. Wright	15 00
July 19—Order 852, W. G. Scott	175 00
July 19—Order 853, W. C. Copeland.	35 00
July 19—Order 854, Masonic Temple	50 00

Oct. 13—Order 855, Masonic Temple	100 00
Oct. 30—Order 856, H. S. Griffith	8 00
Oct. 30—Order 857, Canadian Union Assurance Co	4 50
Oct. 30—Order 858, W. G. Scott	9 79
Oct. 30—Order 859, The Guarantee Co. of North America	11 25
Oct. 30—Order 860, W. G. Scott	11 71
Oct. 30—Order 861, W. G. Scott	14 60
Oct. 30—Order 862, W. G. Scott	13 49
Oct. 30—Order 863, Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	17 60
Oct. 30—Order 864, W. G. Scott	16 89
Oct. 30—Order 865, E. W. Rugg & Co.	23 75
Oct. 30—Order 866, W. G. Scott	42 28
Oct. 30—Order 867, D. R. Dingwall	50 00
Oct. 30—Order 868, G. P. Dolsen	52 00
Oct. 30—Order 869, The Copp-Clark Co.	161 50
Oct. 30—Order 870, E. A. Struthers	5 00
Oct. 30—Order 871, W. G. Scott	175 00
Dec. 28—Order 872, W. G. Scott	175 00
1900.	
Jan. 26—Order 873, Bulman Bros. & Co.	6 00
Jan. 26—Order 874, Gray Smith	6 00
Jan. 26—Order 875, E. W. Rugg & Co.	21 45
Jan. 26—Order 883, McIntyre Bros.	258 10
Jan. 26—Order 877, G. P. Dolsen	11 00
Jan. 26—Order 878, W. G. Scott	26 92
Jan. 26—Order 879, W. G. Scott	44 20
Jan. 26—Order 880, W. G. Scott	35 00
Jan. 26—Order 881, W. G. Scott	40 00
Jan. 26—Order 882, Masonic Temple	50 00
Mar. 31—Order 884, T. W. Taylor	6 50
Mar. 31—Order 885, Bell & Armytage	13 00
Mar. 31—Order 886, Consolidated Stationery Co.	14 75
Mar. 31—Order 887, G. P. Dolsen	13 25
Mar. 31—Order 888, W. G. Scott	15 47
Mar. 31—Order 889, W. G. Scott	40 73
Mar. 31—Order 890, W. G. Scott	49 20
Mar. 31—Order 891, Manitoba Free Press Co.	318 00
Mar. 31—Order 892, The Stovel Co.	449 00
Mar. 31—Order 893, W. G. Scott	175 00
Mar. 31—Order 894, W. G. Scott	75 00
By balance	953 22

 \$4234 81

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To Balance from 1898..	\$ 374 88
May 31—To Interest	5 59
Aug. 11—To W. G. Scott	200 00
Nov. 30—To Interest	7 22
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	\$ 587 69

Cr.

By Balance	\$ 587 69
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BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To Balance from 1898..	\$ 39 63
May 31—To Interest	58
Nov. 30—To Interest	60
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	\$ 40 81

Cr.

By Balance	\$ 40 81
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AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND.

Jan. 26—Order 876, Consolidated Stationery Co. . .	28 45
Feb. 28, To Deposit, W. G. Scott	\$ 30 00
May 31. To Interest	22
Nov. 30, To Interest	45
1900.	
Feb. 5, To Deposit, W. G. Scott	138 65
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	\$ 169 32
By Balance	\$ 169

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), second
by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), the report of the Gra
Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his annual report, as follows :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

In accordance with Constitutional requirement, I submit my Nineteenth Annual Report, containing a summary of the transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and the usual number distributed, as in previous years. The delay—an unusual one—was caused by circumstances beyond my control. A few days after the close of the session of Grand Lodge I was called to Minnesota, where I was detained several weeks owing to the illness and death of my father, and on my return I was, on the advice of my physician, compelled to abstain from office work for several weeks and seek rest and change. I mention these matters in extenuation of delays in the performance of some of my official duties, which during the past year have been exceptionally onerous and exacting.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The new edition of fifteen hundred copies of the Constitution was received from the printers on May 1st. The volume contains 160 pages, exclusive of the index, which covers 31 closely printed pages.

MASONIC CEREMONIALS.

An edition of five hundred copies of Masonic Ceremonials was printed in March. This volume contains Ceremonies of Instituting Lodges under Dispensation ; Constituting and Consecrating Lodges ; Dedication of Masonic Halls ; Installation of Officers of Subordinate Lodges ; Laying Corner Stones ; Reception of Visitors, and Burial Service.

NEW BURIAL SERVICE.

The new Burial Service adopted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication was printed and ready for distribution in January last. This new form is specially adapted for use in cold or inclement weather.

STANDARD CODE OF BY-LAWS.

A Standard Code of By-Laws was adopted at the last Annual Communication for the government of Lodges under Dispensation, and for all Lodges in the Jurisdiction that have not adopted by-laws. An edition of five hundred copies has been printed, and copies may be obtained at this office.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and consecrated, and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz. :—

Vermillion Lodge, No. 68, at Dauphin, in the Second Masonic District; constituted August 12th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, at Yorkton, in the Eighth Masonic District; constituted August 12th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, District Deputy Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

The following Lodges not having worked under dispensation for a period of four months, as required by our Constitution, the M.W. Grand Master authorized the continuance of the dispensation until June 1st, 1900, viz. :—

Shiloh Lodge, at Roland, in the Third Masonic District.

Crystal Lodge, at Crystal City, in the Fourth Masonic District.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued :—

Elkhorn Lodge, at Elkhorn, in the Sixth Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 27th, 1899. Seven charter members. Bro. Wm. M. Cushing, W. Master; Bro. Joseph Williamson, Senior Warden; Bro. George Thomson Rogers, Junior Warden. Instituted Sept.

18th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Joseph M. Robinson, District Deputy Grand Master.

Red Deer Lodge, at Red Deer, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 27th, 1899. Twelve charter members. Bro. Sidney Philip Fream, W. Master; Bro. Philisk Pidgeon, Senior Warden; Bro. George Wellington Greene, Junior Warden. Instituted September 14th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, District Deputy Grand Master.

Duck Lake Lodge, at Duck Lake, in the Seventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 27th, 1899. Eight charter members. Bro. William Fawcett, W. Master; Bro. Robert Sutherland McKenzie, Senior Warden; Bro. Joseph A. McIntyre, Junior Warden. Instituted August 23rd, 1899, by R.W. Bro. Charles Oscar Davidson, District Deputy Grand Master.

Gothic Lodge, at Austin, in the Second Masonic District. Dispensation issued January 20th, 1900. Ten charter members. W. Bro. William Taylor Speed, W. Master; Bro. William Henry Duncan, Senior Warden; Bro. Robert Bruce Oswald, Junior Warden. Instituted January 24th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. George St. Clair McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Wolseley Lodge, at Wolseley, in the Eighth Masonic District. Dispensation issued February 8th, 1900. Nine charter members. Bro. James Pollock, W. Master; Bro. Francis Bell Reilly, Senior Warden; Bro. James Allan Hill, Junior Warden.

Instituted March 9th, 1900, by R. W. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, District Deputy Grand Master.

Petitions have been received from ten brethren residing at Fort Saskatchewan, in the Ninth Masonic District, praying for a Dispensation to form a Lodge to be named Victoria Lodge, and from eight brethren residing at Napinka, in the Fourth Masonic District, praying for a Dispensation to form a Lodge to be named Napinka Lodge.

Owing to the late date on which these petitions were received the Grand Master deemed it advisable to defer action until after the Communication of Grand Lodge.

HALL DEDICATED.

The Hall of East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, in the First Masonic District, was dedicated on November 10th, 1899, by M. W. Bro. John

Leslie, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. W. A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Marchall Lawrie and others.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:—

July 31st, 1899—R. W. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, vice R. W. Bro. John Chambers, deceased.

January 1st, 1900 — R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge, of Michigan, for the triennial period ending January 1st, 1903.

January 4th, 1900—R. W. Bro. William Edward Hazley, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

May 7th, 1900—W. Bro. John Robert Jones, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, vice R. W. Bro. William Arthur Lang.

May 10th, 1900—V. W. Bro. Archibald B. Gillis, of Whitewood, from the Grand Lodge of Arizona, vice R. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne.

Near Other Grand Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges as follows:—

October 14th, 1899—R. W. Bro. Rev. C. G. Martin, of Sandusky, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, vice R. W. Bro. C. F. Baldwin, deceased.

November 1st, 1899—R. W. Bro. Job J. King, of O'Neil, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, vice R.W. Bro. Edwin F. Warren, deceased.

January 4th, 1900—R. W. Bro. Edward P. Hare, of Tacoma, near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M. W. Grand Master:—

Date. 1899.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
June 17	60	Perfection	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	54	Oriental	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	53	Edmonton	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	65	Eureka	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	28	Bow River	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	36	Doric	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 22	13	Belmont	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
July 1	64	Composite	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 1	33	Indian Head	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 1	58	Innisfail	To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.
" 5	43	Lebanon	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 8	27	Glenwood	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 10	52	Hartney	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	50	Killarney	To hold special installation of officers.
Aug. 2	28	Bow River	To confer the M. M. Degree within the prescribed time.
" 9	44	Oak Lake	To hold special installation of officers.
" 12	29	Carberry	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 26	53	Edmonton	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Dec. 26	29	Carberry	To hold special installation of officers.
1900.			
Jan. 5	65	Eureka	To hold special installation of officers.
" 5	68	Vermillion	To hold special installation of officers.
" 5	34	Qu'Appelle	To hold special election and installation of officers.
April 6	48	Glenboro.	To hold special election and installation of officers.
May 25	35	Moosomin	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 31	28	Bow River	To wear Masonic clothing in public procession.
June 6	47	Ashlar	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. Grand Master, on December 1st, 1899, examined, revised and approved the By-laws of Acacia Lodge, No. 66.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. Grand Master examined, revised and approved amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz. :—

July 31, 1899—Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1.
 November 30, 1899—Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
 December 1, 1899—Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.
 December 1, 1899—Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
 December 26, 1899—Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.
 January 4, 1900—Manitou Lodge, No. 30.
 March 26, 1900—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53.

CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED.

Certificates of good standing have been issued to former members of extinct Lodges, as follows :—

October 22, 1899—James Laidlaw, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.
 October 24, 1899—James Brindle, Red Deer Lodge, No. 59.
 January 20, 1900—Stephen Wilson, Red Deer Lodge, No. 59.
 January 26, 1900—Walter Claude Thorburn, Wapananung Lodge, No. 46.
 February 12, 1900 — Thomas Stanton Menary, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS ISSUED.

A duplicate charter was issued by order of the M. W. Grand Master to Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, the original having been destroyed by fire.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

It gives me great pleasure to report once more a greater degree of promptness in the preparation and transmission to this office of the half-yearly returns. How far the fine to which Lodges are now liable for neglect in this respect have contributed towards this improvement is a matter for conjecture. I regret, however, to report that these returns in the cases of fully two-thirds of our Lodges show carelessness or incompetence on the part of the Secretary in their completion, fully that number having been returned for correction.

Our laws require the Grand Secretary to report at each Annual Communication all Lodges that have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of the Constitution. In accordance therewith it be-

comes my duty to report that the following Lodges failed to forward the returns within the statutory time, viz. :—

Oakland, No. 9.	North Star, No. 41.
Belmont, No. 13.	Lebanon, No. 43.
Corinthian, No. 15.	Oak Lake, No. 44.
Wascana, No. 23.	Ashlar, No. 47.
Neepawa, No. 24.	Glenboro, No. 48.
Moose Jaw, No. 26.	Temple, No. 49.
Bow River, No. 28.	Killarney, No. 50.
Moosomin, No. 35.	Edmonton, No. 53.
Alberta, No. 37.	Oriental, No. 54.
Battle, No. 38.	Perfection, No. 60.
Birtle, No. 39.	

The December returns of the following Lodges did not reach this office until February, viz. :—

Oakland, No. 9.	Belmont, No. 15.
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The fine of \$5.00, as provided by our Constitution was imposed upon these two delinquent Lodges.

Notwithstanding belated and incorrect returns, it gives me infinite pleasure to report for the tenth time that every Lodge has made returns, and paid all fees and dues.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1899, indicates a moderate and steady growth, and shows that Masonry is keeping pace with the general progress of the Canadian Northwest :—

<i>Increase.</i>	
Initiated	235
Passed	230
Raised	222
Joined	141
Restored	17
Total increase for the year	393
<i>Decrease.</i>	
Demitted	122
Died	21
Suspended N. P. D.	28
Suspended U. M. C.	1
Total decrease for the year	172
Leaving a net gain of	221
Total membership	3091

FINANCIAL.

It will be gratifying to the members of Grand Lodge to learn that its finances are in a satisfactory condition, the past year having been the most prosperous in its history. When the books were closed on March 31st there was a balance of \$947.63 at the credit of the General Account, the total receipts having been \$3,177.01 and the expenditure \$3,281.69. Owing to the change in our fiscal year from December 31st to March 31st it was found necessary to provide for the expenses of Grand Lodge for a period of fifteen months, while the revenue was practically for twelve months.

The sum of \$200.00 was repaid to the special account, leaving a balance of \$300 still due.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

In my opinion the time has come when a suitable office should be provided for the Grand Secretary in the Masonic Temple, especially as Grand Lodge is now paying a sum for which more suitable quarters could be obtained elsewhere. The present office known as the Grand Secretary's office is artificially lighted and the air therein so foul that it is unfit for a person of the strongest constitution to work in.

I would suggest that the room at present used as a Library and Reading Room be used as the Grand Secretary's office and Library, the book-cases remaining therein, and the periodicals transferred to the banquet room. By this change brethren visiting the City from our own and other jurisdictions could visit the Library and the Grand Secretary's office, and that official could have as comfortable and convenient an office as can be provided in the building.

RETROSPECTION.

This, the beginning of the second quarter century of the existence of our Grand Lodge, is to me personally a time of peculiar interest. Twenty-five years ago I had the great pleasure of being admitted to Masonic light, being the first Mason initiated under our Grand Lodge.

As the eldest son of the Grand Lodge, as one who has been present at every Annual Communication except two, and as one who has been an elective officer for twenty consecutive years, I may at the risk of trespassing upon your patience place before you statistics of the growth of Masonry in the Canadian Northwest since representatives of the three chartered Lodges of Manitoba, viz., Prince

Rupert's Lodge, No. 240, of Winnipeg; Lisgar Lodge, No. 244, of Lower Fort Garry, and Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 288 of Winnipeg, met in the City of Winnipeg for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for the Province. Three Lodges, then, with a total membership of 203, and there are now sixty chartered Lodges with a membership of 3,091.

The records of this office show the following gains and losses for twenty-five years:—

Gains.

Initiated.. . . .	3626
Joined	2215
Restored	293
	—6134

Losses.

Dimitted	1885
Suspended N. P. D.	1092
Suspended U. M. C.	29
Died.. . . .	286
	—3292

Net gain for the period 2842

Since our organization sixty-six Lodges have been chartered. Seven Lodges have become extinct, viz. :—

Hiram, No. 5 ; Saskatchewan, No. 7 ; Al Moghieb Al Aksa, No. 18 ; Pembina, No. 20 ; Marquette, No. 21 ; Wa-pan-an-ung, No. 46 ; and Red Deer, No. 59, and one, Pegnonga Lodge, No. 22, at Rat Portage, transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

During that period brethren who have filled elective offices have "entered into" rest as follows :—

Past Grand Masters	5
Past Grand Senior Wardens	3
Past Grand Junior Wardens	1
Past District Deputy Grand Masters.. . . .	8
Past Grand Treasurers	1
Past Grand Secretaries	1
Past Grand Registrars	1
Past Grand Chaplains	1
Past Grand Tylers	2

The list of "Death's Doings" is a long one and embraces names that we recall with respect and veneration—W. Bros. Rev. W. C. Clarke, W. N. Kennedy, John H. Bell, Thomas Clark, J. W. H. Wilson and other distinguished brethren.

Of those who were present and took part in the organization of our Grand Lodge only five are now living, viz. : M.W. Bro. George Black, M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, R.W. Bro. James Henderson, R.W. Bro. H. T. Champion and R.W. Bro. John J. Johnston.

VALEDICTORY.

And now, brethren of the Grand Lodge, the exacting duties of a public office requiring my undivided attention, my work as Grand Secretary must cease. The time has come for me to say the final words of official separation, and it is needless for me to add that I do so with feelings of sadness. For twenty years I have labored among you and have endeavored with all the ability I possessed to promote the interests of Craft Masonry, and especially those of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. With my associate officers my relations have been on the whole of the most pleasant character, and in looking back over the long period of my connection with them it will ever be with feelings of unmingled satisfaction and pride that I shall recall the times when it was my privilege to share these labors and honors with them. To these brethren, to my brother Grand Secretaries throughout the Masonic world from whom I have so often received many kindnesses, and to that goodly band of Masons of our own jurisdiction which during my term of service has grown from three hundred and sixty to three thousand and ninety, to one and all as Grand Secretary, I bid you "Adieu, a heart-warm fond adieu."

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH GRAND LODGE.

Monies Received between January 1st, 1899, and March 31st, 1900.

No.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.
1.	Prince Rupert's. . . . \$116 00	34.	Qu'Appelle 27 00
2.	Lisgar 31 50	35.	Moosomin 49 75
3.	Ancient Landmark . . . 92 25	36.	Doric 42 75
4.	St. John's 111 50	37.	Alberta 91 50
6.	Emerson. 28 50	38.	Battle 22 50
7.	Assiniboine. 58 25	39.	Birtle 20 25
8.	King Solomon. 45 50	40.	Deloraine 41 50
9.	Oakland 43 50	41.	North Star 56 00
10.	Northern Light. 63 00	42.	Cascade 49 50
11.	Gladstone 19 00	43.	Lebanon. 38 75
12.	Stonewall 20 50	44.	Oak Lake 36 10
13.	Belmont 60 50	45.	Spitzie 59 75
14.	Prince of Wales. 54 00	47.	Ashlar 21 50
15.	Corinthian 16 25	48.	Glenboro 24 00
16.	Kinistino 43 00	49.	Temple 39 00
19.	Brandon 124 75	50.	Killarney 20 25
23.	Wascana 41 00	51.	Treherne 32 50
24.	Neepawa 34 05	52.	Hartney 40 00
25.	Ionic 71 25	53.	Edmonton 42 75
26.	Moose Jaw 67 75	54.	Oriental. 19 00
27.	Glenwood 29 00	55.	East Star. 15 00
28.	Bow River 98 50	56.	Maple Leaf 13 00
29.	Carberry 37 00	57.	Evening Star 32 75
30.	Manitou 37 15	58.	Innisfail 55 00
31.	Medicine Hat 33 50	60.	Perfection 71 75
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley . . . 17 00	61.	N. W. M't'd Police.. 20 25
33.	Indian Head 42 00	62.	Russell 43 50

No.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.
63.	Holland..	23	75 Elkhorn..
64.	Composite	18	75 Red Deer
65.	Eureka	20	25 Gothic
66.	Acacia	20	75 Wolseley
67.	Wawanesa..	24	25 Other sources as follows:
68.	Vermillion..	73	85 Past Master's Certi-
69.	Yorkton	103	60 ficates
	Shiloh	88	40 Blank Books and Forms
	Crystal	85	40 Extinct Lodges
	Duck Lake	25	00
			<u>\$3177 01</u>

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from January 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

DR.	CR.
1900.	1899.
Mar. 31. To Receipts ...\$3177 01	Aug. 11. By Grand Treas. Special Acct....\$200 00
	Oct. 24. By Grand Treas 200 00
	Oct. 31. By Grand Treas. 200 00
	Nov. 27. By Grand Treas 200 00
	Nov. 30. By Grand Treas. 200 00
	Dec. 27. By Grand Treas 200 00
	1900.
	Jan. 11. By Grand Treas. 200 00
	Jan. 26. By Grand Treas. 500 00
	Feb. 28. By Grand Treas. 300 00
	Mar. 27. By Grand Treas. 450 00
	Mar. 29. By Grand Treas. 250 00
	Mar. 31. By Grand Treas. 277 01
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

From January 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
1	The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, Rent to March 31st, 1899	\$50 00
2	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to March 31, 1899	175 00
3	Thomas W. Taylor, Stationery	4 00
4	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, disbursements for Insurance, etc.	6 50
5	E. W. Rugg & Co., Blank Books and Forms, etc.	11 85
6	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Telegrams, Fixtures, etc.	17 26
7	McIntyre Bros., Stationery, etc.	18 00
8	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	34 60
9	Geo. B. Murphy, Grant for Expenses	100 00
10	A. D. Wright, Services as Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
11	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to June 30, 1899	175 00
12	W. C. Copeland, Chairman Committee on Credentials and Reception, Expenses to Regina	35 00
13	The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, Rent to June 30th, 1899	50 00
14	The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, Rent to December 31st, 1899	100 00
15	H. S. Griffith, Engrossing Charters, etc.	8 00
16	The Commercial Union Assurance Co., premium Grand Master's Regalia	4 50
17	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Telegraphing, Insurance, etc.	9 79
18	The Guarantee Co. of North America, premium Grand Secretary's Bond	11 25
19	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Telegraphing, Express Charges, etc.	11 71
20	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	14 60
21	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Telegraphing, Express Charges, etc.	13 49
22	The Hartford Fire Insurance Co., premium on Books in Library.	17 60

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
864	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Expenses to and at Regina	16 89
865	E. W. Rugg & Co., Printing, etc.	23 75
866	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage.	42 28
867	D. R. Dingwall, Chain Collar for Thomas Robinson . .	50 00
868	G. P. Dolsen, Printing, etc.	52 00
869	The Copp, Clark Co., Certificates, etc.	161 50
870	Russell Lodge, No. 62, refund one-half Dispensation Fee	5 00
871	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to Sept. 30, 1899	175 00
872	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to Dec. 31, 1899	175 00
873	Bulman Bros. & Co., Printing Funeral Odes	6 00
874	Gray & Smith, Photographs for Cabinet	6 10
875	E. W. Rugg & Co., Forms, etc.	21 45
876	The Consolidated Stationery Co., Forms, etc.	28 45
877	G. P. Dolsen, Printing	11 00
878	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Stationery, etc.	26 92
879	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	44 20
880	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Assistance Revising Proofs, etc.	35 00
881	Maynard Merrill & Co., Life Membership Certificates .	40 00
882	Masonic Temple Ass'n, Winnipeg, Rent to March 31, 1900	50 00
883	McIntyre Bros., Printing Proceedings, etc.	25 10
884	Thomas W. Taylor, Postal Tubes, etc.	6 50
885	Bell & Armytage, Lodge Seals	13 00
886	The Consolidated Stationery Co., Printing	14 75
887	G. P. Dolsen, Printing, etc.	13 25
888	General Masonic Relief Association, U. S. and Canada Yearly Subscription	15 7
889	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements for Express Charges, etc.	40 7
890	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	49 2
891	Manitoba Free Press Co., Printing Ceremonials and Burial Services	318 00
892	The Stovel Co., Printing Constitutions	449 00
893	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to March 31, 1900	175 00
894	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, 1899 Grant	75 00

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

March 31, 1900.

11 Charters	\$33 00
306 Grand Lodge Certificates	91 80
23 Past Master Certificates	7 13
94 Life Membership Certificates	53 61
1354 Constitutions	426 51
499 Ceremonials	189 82
972 Burial Services	136 08
Constitutions and Ceremonials	3 00
Fixtures	732 37
Library Fixtures	349 65
Regalia	174 70
Blank Books and Forms	146 07
Library	1583 68
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer	947 63
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Special Account	587 69
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Benevolent Account . .	40 81
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YEARLY STATEMENT.

March 31st, 1900.

GAINS.

Dispensations..	\$120 00
Charters..	97 00
Constitutions..	32 76
Initiations..	47 00
Dues	145 87
Certificates	37 88
Life Membership Fees	30 00
Life Membership Certificates..	3 88
Past Master Certificates	2 71
Blank Books and Forms	11 11
Extinct Lodges	7 11
By-laws	10 00
Fines	6 00
Constitutions and Ceremonials	10 00
Ceremonials..	10 00
Interest	10 00
Lodge Seals	10 00

LOSSES.

Fixtures	\$38 06
Expense..	63 35
Printing	372 85
Books and Stationery	53 11
Postage	199 48
Rent	250 00
Telegraphing..	22 03
Salaries..	875 00
Library Fixtures	18 40
Regalia	9 00
Contingent Expenses..	28 31

Special Grants	115 00
Insurance	37 60
Testimonials	50 00
Quarter-Centennial Celebration Expenses	3 25
Expenses of Committee on Credentials	35 00
Burial Services	17
Net Gain.. . . .	610 40
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DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

From January 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

Initiations	\$470 00
Dues	1458 75
Certificates	450 00
Past Master Certificates	38 00
Life Membership Fees	30 00
Life Membership Certificates	6 00
Constitutions	75 25
Ceremonials	60
Constitutions and Ceremonials	6 00
Burial Services	2 75
Blank Books and Forms	340 26
Extinct Lodges	7 00
Charters	129 00
Dispensations	125 00
Lodge Seals	21 00
By-laws	7 40
Fines	10 00
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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Lodge Librarian, presented his annual report, as follows :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

I have the honor to submit my report (the fourteenth) as your Librarian, and regret to say that there have not been as many additions to the Library as in previous years. Since my last Annual Report was submitted there have been added to the Library the following :—

PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

- Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. W. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1899, the gift of R. W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1900, the gift of R. W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1899, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1899, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R. for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. Fred. Webber, Secretary General.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED.

The Law of Freemasonry in Indian Territory, the gift of R. W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Murrow, Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Code of Alabama, the gift of R. W. Bro. H. C. Armstrong, Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Code of Iowa (1898), the gift of R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The Constitution and By-laws of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES DONATED.

Bro. Frank Church donated to the Library two volumes entitled "Forty-one Years in India," by Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar. Bro. Church is now in South Africa fighting the battles of his Queen and Country, as a member of the Canadian Contingent.

The Grand Lodge is also indebted to R.W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank for a large number of Blackwood's and other magazines, which should be bound as soon as the finances of Grand Lodge will warrant the expenditure.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are again due to Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying the Congressional Record.

The following books have been purchased during the year :

The Railroad Question, by William Larrabee.

Canada : An Encyclopaedia of the Country, by J. Castell Hopkins, Vol. V.

John Black, the Apostle of the Red River, by Rev. George Bryce, M.A., L.L.D.

History of the Missions to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, by Rev. James Robertson.

Sketches from America, by John White.

The History of Freemasonry in Canada, by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (2 vols.).

Volume of Poems, by R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

The Grey Man, by S. R. Crockett.

The Raiders, by S. R. Crockett.

A small collection of rare books, valued at \$7.20, was lost in the wreck of the Scotsman in September, 1899.

A complete set (16 volumes) of the works of Francis Parkman has been ordered.

A number of Proceedings and periodicals necessary to complete files have been purchased during the past year.

REPRINT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Reprints of Proceedings of the following Grand Bodies have been received from the Masonic Collectors' Association, viz. :

Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Texas.

Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for the year ending, with Annual Communication, June 24th, 1868.

READING ROOM.

The sum of \$75.00, voted by the Winnipeg Lodges, has been expended during the past year in providing periodicals, etc., for the Reading Room, the interest in which, notwithstanding the excellent literature provided, does not increase.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

Our thanks are again tendered the publishers of the following

papers, magazines, etc., for their kindness in regularly supplying, free of charge, copies of their respective publications, viz. :

- "The Telegram," Toronto, daily edition.
- "Manitoba Free Press," Winnipeg, daily edition.
- "The Silent Echo," Winnipeg, monthly.
- "The American Tyler," Chicago.
- "The Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
- "The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
- "The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
- "The Australian Keystone," Melbourne, Victoria.
- "The Freemason," Toronto, Ont.
- "The Craftsman," Toronto, Ont.
- "The Square and Compass," New Orleans, La.
- "The Tennessee Mason."

CONCLUSION.

I have no recommendations to make regarding the Library, but will leave my successor to continue the work which during the past year has, owing to pressure of other duties, been neglected. While my labor in this connection has been one of love, it is a question whether the brother who is to succeed me should be expected to continue the work—which is constantly on the increase—without remuneration.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank (15), the report of the Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

We, your Committee on the Condition of Masonry, respectfully present our report.

We have very carefully examined District Deputy Grand Masters' Reports of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

DISTRICT No. 1.

It is very gratifying to be able to commence this report with a note of congratulation and commendation. We refer to R. W. Bro. Lawrie's report, District No. 1. He tells us that he has endeavored to do his duty as D. D. G. M. without fear or favor, and that he feels he has done our Craft some little good. This must always be the result of duty so performed. We congratulate our brother on visiting every Lodge in his district, with the exception of St. John's, No. 4. This was no fault of his, but owing to an imperfection in the calendar issued by the Lodge of Perfection, re dates. It is always better for D. D. G. Masters to send notice of their intended visit, then no mistake should happen, re dates, etc.

It is gratifying to learn that District No. 1 is in a flourishing condition, every Lodge being active, strong and full of harmony. One thing we note, which must have lightened the labors of our Grand Secretary, and that is, that in every instance the half-yearly returns were promptly sent in. Out of a membership of 912 there have only been five deaths. There has been an increase of 27 members.

DISTRICT No. 2.

R. W. Bro. G. St. C. McGregor has again justified his election to the responsible office of D. D. G. M. During his second term of office

he has paid each Lodge in his district two visits, and reports well of all the Worshipful Masters, stating that they are well skilled and enthusiastic, and ably supported by the other officers. On August 12th, 1899, Vermillion Lodge, No. 68, Lake Dauphin, was instituted. On April 3rd a second visit was paid and everything found working successfully. A great future is predicted for this Lodge. Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, has lost one of its Past Masters, viz., W. Bro. G. C. Woodside, by sudden death. Gladstone Lodge still keeps up its reputation, with R. W. Bro. T. L. Morton at its head. Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, is still making good progress. R.W. Bro. McGregor's second visit was signalized by the holding of a Board of Installed Masters, when ten Past Masters were present; the Past Masters' degree was conferred. Carberry Lodge, No. 29, is in good hands, as also is Temple Lodge, No. 49. At MacGregor, work is well done, and harmony prevails. The latter Lodge is resplendent with new regalia. Gothic Lodge, Austin, was instituted on January 24th, 1900, and on his second visit, April 16th, the D. D. G. M. found all well, and from later reports received, this Lodge is doing excellent work. There has been an increase in this district, as in District No. 1, of 27 members.

DISTRICT No. 3.

R. W. Bro. Crawley reports having visited all the Lodges in his district. Oakland Lodge, No. 9, is not in as prosperous a condition as your Committee would like to report, but this probably is on account of fire having visited the Lodge and destroyed their books, etc. It is sincerely hoped that the brethren will recognize their position and rise above all drawbacks. Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, is in a lamentable condition. Hardly any meetings have been held, no record given, and altogether the Lodge appears to be in a state of collapse. We earnestly hope that the brethren of this Lodge will speedily realize their duty and make themselves a power for good in this district. Treherne Lodge, No. 51, has passed through a crisis. Fire has destroyed books and regalia, and a general depression for a time surrounded them, but to the great credit of the officers and members, they are doing their best to make Treherne Lodge what it was only a short time ago. Holland Lodge, No. 63, and Wawanesa Lodge are doing well, and Roland Lodge, U. D., is considered equal to any Lodge in the district, and is recommended for a charter. It seems by the D. D. G. M.'s report that the younger Lodges are doing better work in this district than the older. This ought not to be. While it is very commendable in the former, it is regrettable in the latter. The number of members in this district has increased by 20.

DISTRICT No. 4.

R. W. Bro. A. M. Stewart has also shown his diligence in visiting every Lodge in his district, and found Masonry in a fairly healthy condition, but suffering from two causes, viz., the transient nature of the population and the lack of interest exhibited, in most cases, by the older members, and in a great many cases by Past Masters. Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain, is spoken of as the Banner Lodge of the district, and Crystal Lodge, U. D., Crystal City, is recommended for its charter. Increase during the year of 26 members.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This district is evidently at a standstill as regards increase of members; in fact, it shows a slight falling off. But while this is the case, the brethren have shown their enthusiasm by purchasing a D. D. G. M.'s regalia. R. W. Bro. Crookshank visited the four Lodges in his district and reports very favorably of each one. During his term he held a very enthusiastic district meeting of the Craft, when the E.A. degree was exemplified by Russell Lodge, No. 62, and the M. M. degree by the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker and our late deceased brother, G. C. Woodside. Much good has resulted from this. Your Committee note with deep regret the decease of R. W. Bro. A. C. Sewell, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. He was a most efficient and enthusiastic Mason, and one who took a great interest in the craft. We are sure that the members of Grand Lodge extend to the relatives and members of No. 14 their deep sympathy in their bereavement. We think the suggestion by R. W. Bro. Crookshank, that each D. D. G. M. keep a District Minute Book, a good one. All that he says in his report *re* this book is true, and if D. D. G. M.'s could be persuaded to keep such a record, it would prove of great value to Masonry.

DISTRICT No. 6.

This district consists of seven Lodges, and R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson visited all with the exception of Hartney, which he hoped to visit ere the completion of his term of office. Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris, is fortunate in having the best equipped Lodge in the district. Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, possesses a good knowledge of Masonry and Masonic jurisprudence, yet the Secretary's books have been badly kept. Harmony reigns throughout the district, and there is an increase in membership of 23. Meetings have been held regularly, and the attendance fair. It has now become an annual custom to hold a Lodge of Instruction in this district. Three sessions were held, and the M. W.

Grand Master was present. We think Masonry would be greatly helped if more of these Lodges of Instruction were held.

DISTRICT No. 7.

R. W. Bro. C. O. Davidson inaugurated his round of visits by instituting a Lodge at Duck Lake, of '85 Rebellion fame. This Lodge has more than realized Bro. Davidson's expectations, and he has great hopes of its success. Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, is in a most flourishing condition, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of Battle Lodge, No. 38, owing to so many of the brethren having left the district. But this Lodge ought to go ahead, as it still has a membership of 21. There are a great number of non-affiliates in this district. This is to be regretted; non-affiliates are of very little use in keeping up the work of Masonry. It is to be hoped that the D. D. G. Master's efforts in obtaining a more regular attendance at the Lodge meetings will bear fruit. Decrease of one in membership during the year.

DISTRICT No. 8.

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin has visited every Lodge, although he went beyond the time limit to do it. Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34—The work needs improving and greater interest shown. The same may be said of Wascana Lodge, No. 26. N. W. M. P. Lodge, No. 61, has suffered greatly through some of its members being drafted to the Yukon and others gone to South Africa to fight the battles of our Queen. We wish these brave brothers success in their undertaking and a safe return. We are proud of such valiant members of the craft. The old Masons of Moosomin Lodge take a great interest in the work. Out of 13 Past Masters 9 were present when the D. D. G. M. paid his official visit. This district shows an increase of 18 members.

DISTRICT No. 9.

"All the Lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition." This is the keynote of R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown's report. There is a desire for a single ritual, so that there might be an harmonious whole in the work. It appears that two different works are in use, and these cause a great difficulty in receiving any great benefit by the brethren in visiting sister Lodges. We would suggest that Grand Lodge do something in this matter, and thus meet the desires of the brethren. The D. D. G. M. has done a large amount of travelling during his term of office, having travelled over 1,000 miles. He recommended a division of this district, and we think such division might very profitably be

made. We note with pleasure that Bow River and Perfection Lodges raised \$750 for the Patriotic Fund, and Cascade Lodge \$100 for the same purpose, and Red Deer, U. D., \$25 for the Indian Famine Fund. Increase in membership, 69.

DISTRICT No. 10.

All Lodges visited, harmony prevailing, and meetings profitable. As in District No. 9, so in this, one great hindrance to good attendance at the meetings is the great distances the brethren have to travel, but this is overcome in a large measure by the indomitable energy displayed by the members. Brother Barnwell concludes his report by thanking the Grand Secretary for his kindness to him in answering all questions submitted to him. Increase 14 members during the year.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Re Klondyke Lodge, Dawson City, a dispensation was issued October 15th, 1898. There were 21 charter members. No communication has been received from this Lodge this year.

Your Committee note with pleasure the good work done by all the D. D. G. Masters. All have faithfully done their work, drawn up their reports in a careful manner, and sent them in in time.

Two things are to be further noted: 1st. That there are too many members in arrears for dues. If such brethren in arrears can meet their Lodge dues they ought to pay promptly; if they are unable, then they should manfully come forward, state their inability, and there is not a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction but what would remit such arrears. 2nd. It is the complaint of more than one D. D. G. Master that the Historical Register is not properly kept. Whose fault is this? If the work is too formidable for the Secretary of the Lodge, then the Lodge should appoint some competent brother, and, if necessary, pay him for his labor. If this were done, each Lodge would have an Historical Register worthy of it.

Fraternally submitted,

W. JOHN GARTON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.W. Bro. William E. Hazley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year 1899 it authorized payment of accounts presented by the Grand Secretary, as in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriation for the year, April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901:—

Grand Secretary's salary	\$700 00
Office rent	200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1900	260 00
Books and stationery	50 00
Postage and express charges	150 00
Indian Famine Fund	100 00
Grant to Grand Master for expenses	100 00
Grant to Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
Insurance	15 00
Engrossing	20 00
Testimonial for Grand Master	50 00
Committee on Celebration of 25th Anniversary	75 00
Grant to Library	50 00
Contingent expenses	100 00

Your Committee learns with regret that R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary for the past eighteen years, does not intend to offer himself for re-election. They feel sure it will be difficult to find a brother as painstaking and who will bring to the position the same ability and Masonic knowledge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. HAZLEY,

Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report:—

1. That it has not received any applications for relief during the past year.

2. That the Victorian Aged and Indigent Masons has now available the sum of \$1,073.48, the sum of \$188.65 having been received during the past year, from the following sources, viz. :—

Interest	\$ 4 41
Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, sub. of members..	65 00
Doric Lodge, No. 36.	21 50
Indian Head Lodge, No. 33.	25 00
E. Nelson Brown, for Bow River Lodge, No. 28	10 00
East Star Lodge, No. 55	3 00
Hamilton Lang, for Cascade Lodge, No. 42 ..	15 00
Carberry Lodge, No. 29	14 15
Lisgar Lodge, No. 2	7 50
Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31	12 50
Belmont Lodge, No. 13	15 00

\$188 65

Fraternally submitted,

S. P. MATHESON,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, presented the following report :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

The Committee on Charters and New Lodges selected by Your Most Worshipful Body has carefully examined the transcripts and returns of the seven Lodges, placed in their hands, and make therefrom the following report:—

ELKHORN LODGE, ELKHORN.

On September 18th, 1899, this Lodge was instituted by D. D. G. M., J. M. Robinson, since which time it has initiated 6, passed 4 and raised 4. Membership, 14. Eight regular and three emergent meetings. Initiation fee, \$25.

SHILOH LODGE, ROLAND.

This Lodge was instituted on the 8th of March, 1899, by P. G. M., W. G. Bell, and from that time there have been initiated 12, passed 10 and raised 9. Membership, 22. Sixteen regular and two emergent meetings. Initiation fee, \$25.

GOTHIC LODGE, AUSTIN.

D. D. G. M., G. S. McGregor, on the 15th January, 1900, instituted this Lodge. Since then there have been 5 initiated, 5 passed and 5 raised. Membership, 15. Four regular and three emergent meetings. Initiation fee, \$25.

DUCK LAKE LODGE, DUCK LAKE.

On the 23rd August, 1899, this Lodge was instituted by D.D.G.M., C. O. Davidson, and from that time there have been 4 initiated, 3

passed and 3 raised. Ten regular and three emergent meetings held. Membership, 12.

CRYSTAL LODGE, CRYSTAL CITY.

D. D. G. M., John L. Campbell, on the 13th April, 1899, instituted this Lodge, and since then there have been 8 initiated, 7 passed and 7 raised, and 13 regular meetings. Membership, 21. Charge for degrees, \$25.

RED DEER LODGE, RED DEER.

On the 4th September, 1899, this Lodge was instituted by D. D. G. M., E. N. Brown, and from that time there have been 10 initiated, 9 passed and 8 raised, with a total membership of 22. There were held nine regular and two emergent meetings. Initiation fee, \$30.

WOLSELEY LODGE, WOLSELEY.

This Lodge was instituted on the 9th March, 1900, by D. D. G. M., H. H. Campkin. Since then there have not been any degrees conferred. The membership amounts to 9. There have been four regular and one emergent meetings.

Your Committee was not furnished with a complete set of books in the case of Duck Lake Lodge.

The investigation and consideration of all the records, reports and transcripts placed in our hands justifies the Committee in recommending that charters be granted to (except with respect to Wolseley Lodge, not having worked four months under dispensation, that its dispensation be continued) :—

Third Masonic District—Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, Roland, Man.

Fourth Masonic District—Crystal Lodge, No. 71, Crystal City, Man.

Seventh Masonic District—Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72, Duck Lake, N.W.T.

Ninth Masonic District—Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, Red Deer, N. W. T.

Sixth Masonic District—Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, Elkhorn, Man.

Second Masonic District—Gothic Lodge, No. 75, Austin, Man.

WM. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

WM. FENWICK,

G. W. BAKER,

J. R. JONES.

On motion of W. Bro. J. M. Suttée (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart (13), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, as follows :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same correct.

Your Auditors have much pleasure in stating that their labors were greatly reduced owing to the careful manner in which the books of Grand Lodge have been kept during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,
F. J. C. COX,

Auditors.

Winnipeg, June 13th, A. L. 5990.

On motion of V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1), seconded by V.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Jno. W. Garton presented a supplementary report on the Condition of Masonry, as follows :

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

We, your Committee, very cordially recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following brethren :—

R. W. Bro. Marshall Laurie (8), Morris.
R. W. Bro. C. J. Crawley (68), Holland.
R. W. Bro. A. McK. Stewart (13), Morden.
R. W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank (15), Rapid City.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), Brandon.
R. W. Bro. C. O. Davidson (16), Prince Albert.
R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head.
R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28), Calgary.
R. W. Bro. W. Barnwell (56), Maple Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

W. JOHN GARTON,
Chairman.

On motion of R W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the supplementary report on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:30 o'clock, p.m., until Thursday, June 14th, at 9:30 o'clock, a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 14th, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CABLEGRAM TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

On motion of V.W. Bro. J. A. Carley (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), the M.W. Grand Master was authorized to cable His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the congratulations of this Grand Lodge on the success of the British arms in South Africa, and the hope that the blessing of peace may soon accrue to that portion of the Empire.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Most W. Bro. Corbet Locke, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:—

We cordially agree with the words of the Grand Master in regard to the present war, and join with him in wishing a safe and speedy return to those of our brethren who have gone forth at the call of duty, and also join with him in lamenting those of our brethren who have died fighting for their country.

They would recommend, in accordance with the suggestion made, that a page in the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge be set apart to commemorate the fraternal dead.

They note with much pleasure the courtesy extended to the Grand Lodge by King Solomon Mother Lodge, and would recommend as suggested by the Grand Master, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to King Solomon Mother Lodge for their fraternal courtesy.

They most cordially agree with the G. M. in regard to the advisability of paying the necessary expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and would recommend that these expenses be paid in the first instance by Grand Lodge and that the sum so expended be repaid to Grand Lodge by a levy made on the Lodges in each district, according to membership.

They also heartily agree with the G. M. that the very important question of gathering in the non-affiliated and suspended N. P. D. members has been too much neglected, and would recommend that some action looking toward that very much to be desired end be taken by Grand Lodge.

They also commend the words of the G. M. relating to Lodges of Instruction, and would particularly draw attention to the scheme proposed, by which the G. M. would be enabled to visit each of these Lodges in turn. This seems to your Committee to be a particularly valuable suggestion, and one which needs the gravest consideration.

They commend the stand taken by the Grand Master in regard to Life Membership and Masonic Funerals, and would direct the attention of the Subordinate Lodges to that part of the Grand Master's address dealing with these topics.

They would recommend that action be taken at this session of Grand Lodge to appoint a Historiographer of Grand Lodge, as suggested by the Grand Master.

They express their hearty concurrence with the G. M. in his remarks regarding the past of Masonry. They rejoice with him in the prosperity of Grand Lodge, and feel with him that Masonry has done a great work in the past here in our midst and that a great future lies before it.

They join with the G. M. in the feeling of regret which must be shared by every member of Grand Lodge, in the retirement of the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Scott. They are in entire sympathy with the words of appreciation and regard used by the Grand Master.

They would recommend as one means of guarding against an evil very properly complained of by the G. M. that the valuable suggestions made in addresses from the Grand East are very frequently ignored or disregarded, that, in future, the address of the G. M. be read in open Lodge, at the first regular meeting of each Lodge in the jurisdiction, after the printing and distribution of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

CORBET LOCKE,
Chairman.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (18), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. A. J. Belch, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's report begs to submit as follows :—

The nineteenth annual report of the veteran Grand Secretary teems with information interesting and valuable to the members of the Grand Lodge and members of the Craft generally.

Your Committee deeply sympathise with the Grand Secretary on the stated causes of the trifling delay in the publication of the proceedings of 1899—the illness and death of his father and his own illness. While the delay was hardly noticeable, it seems to have resulted in a more exhaustive summary of the transactions of his office than many previous reports contained.

Your Committee has ample evidence of the correctness of the statement of the Grand Secretary that during the past year his official duties have been “exceptionally onerous and exacting.” The evidence is the four neatly-printed bound volumes, including the new edition of “Grand Lodge Constitution,” containing a minute and carefully prepared index covering thirty-one closely printed pages. The index is invaluable to those who have occasion to consult the Constitution constantly and quickly. The neatly bound volume of “Masonic Ceremonials” adopted last year and published by Grand Lodge must prove convenient and necessary for official work. The bound volume of “Masonic Burial Service” for the use of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is timely, and will, doubtless, be generally used in Subordinate Lodges. The “Standard Code of By-Laws” prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the government of Lodges under dispensation and for all Lodges under its jurisdiction that have not adopted by-laws, is quite as useful and valuable as those already mentioned. The special publication of these neatly bound aids to efficient Masonic work will, no doubt, be appreciated throughout the jurisdiction.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Secretary upon the statement, it gives him “infinite pleasure” to report “for the tenth time that every Lodge has made returns and paid all fees and dues.” The nine times they failed to do so, during his incumbency of nineteen years, must have made an impression upon him he cannot put into words, as he is kindly silent upon that point.

Your Committee is gratified to notice the statement in the Grand Secretary's report that financially the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Grand Lodge and that the finances are in a satisfactory condition.

Your Committee heartily concurs in the forcible and correct remarks in the report concerning the Grand Secretary's office in the Masonic Temple and endorses his suggestions in that regard.

Your Committee considers, in concluding this report, that it would be inconsiderate not to take special notice of our efficient Secretary's “Valedictory.” He finds it necessary, owing to the exact-

ing duties of a public office requiring his undivided attention, to relinquish the position of Grand Secretary, which he has occupied for nineteen years consecutively. While this Grand Lodge bows regretfully to a decision it cannot alter, it desires to put upon record its high appreciation of the services of its Grand Secretary during all the years he has occupied that onerous and responsible position. His fifth of a century services in the cause of Masonry in Manitoba and the Northwest will be remembered gratefully by Masons of Manitoba and the Territories long after he and we have mouldered into dust.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. BELCH,
D. W. McDERMID.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library, presented the following report :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee notes with pleasure the contributions to the Library which, though not so large as in former years, still constitute a valuable and welcome addition to our literary stores. It approves of the selection of the works purchased, noting with pleasure that these works are mainly of either a national or Masonic character. They would particularly remark the acquisition of three such standard works as the Canadian Cyclopaedia, Parkman's works, and J. Ross Robertson's History of Free Masonry in Canada.

Your Committee would express the hope that such a joint arrangement with the office of Grand Secretary may be effected that the Grand Librarian may be present at the Library for at least a short time every day.

On behalf of Grand Lodge, your Committee would express its deep sense of the debt of gratitude due to our present Grand Librarian for the valuable services which he has always so cheerfully rendered in connection with the G. L. Library and for the success which has attended his efforts on its behalf. The amount of correspondence and other labor connected with this work has been very considerable and your Committee agrees with the Grand Librarian that this work should no longer be asked of any brother as a gratuitous service, and would suggest that in future it be connected officially with the work of Grand Secretary and a certain amount set apart for its remuneration.

On motion of M.W. Bro. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the report of Committee on Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.W. BRO. JOHN LESLIE.

On motion of R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.W. Bro. John Leslie.

TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. WM. G. SCOTT.

On motion of R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), the M.W. Grand Master was authorized to appoint a committee to procure a fitting testimonial for presentation to R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, upon the completion of 20 years of faithful service to the Craft.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and the Northern Pacific Railway Co. for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 3.

Moved by R.W. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by Bro. A. Fenwick (64), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand officers during this Annual Communication.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS AND REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON SAME TO BE READ
IN OPEN LODGE.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), and

Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master's address, also the report of the Committee on the same, be read in each Subordinate Lodge at its first regular meeting after the receipt of the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart (13), that Section 97 be amended by adding thereto the following :

"And each Lodge within the jurisdiction shall each year pay to Grand Lodge the sum of thirty dollars, payable in two equal instalments in June and December in each year. The first instalment to be paid in December, 1900. Default in payment of any instalment to subject the defaulting Lodge to the like penalty as for default in dues, &c. The money so paid in to be funded for the purpose of erecting the Victoria Home for aged and indigent Masons."

MASONIC HOME.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), and

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge approves of the scheme to erect at some time in the future a Home for aged and indigent Free Masons, and commends the same to the consideration of the Subordinate Lodges, and expresses the hope that each Lodge, as far as its circumstances may warrant, will contribute to the fund.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

D. D. G. MASTER'S EXPENSES.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), and

Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee of five to consider the question of re-imbursing the D. D. G. M.s' actual expenses incurred during their various visitations to the Lodges in their respective districts and report at next Annual Communication.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Calgary.

It was moved in amendment by R.W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by V.W. Bro. A. J. Gillis (47), that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

THANKS TO ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER
LODGE, JERUSALEM.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the following resolution was adopted :—

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the W. Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, Jerusalem, for the beautiful gavel presented this Grand Lodge, as referred to in the M. W. Grand Master's address.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson (10), and

Resolved—That a resolution of sympathy of this Grand Lodge be forwarded to Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler, in his serious illness and hope for a speedy recovery.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. Jas. A. Carley (25), and

Resolved—That a resolution of sympathy of this Grand Lodge be forwarded to R. W. Bro. S. Duffin in his long and continued illness and hope for a speedy recovery.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place to-day at 2 o'clock, p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock, a.m., until 2 o'clock, p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master

W. Bro. J. R. Jones, from the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R.W. Bro. W. E. Hazley, from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

V.W. Bro. A. B. Gillis, from the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report :

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report :—

There are 61 chartered and seven Lodges U.D. on the Grand Register ; 27 Lodges are represented by their own officers; 19 Lodges by proxy ; 15 Lodges unrepresented. There are 92 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 230.

Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows :—

1	Prince Rupert's,	W. Bro.	G. H. Walker,	W. Master.
2	Lisgar,	W. "	E. D. Whealler,	W. Master.
3	Ancient Landmark,	W. "	J. Malcolm Suttie,	W. Master.
			John Persse,	S. Warden.
4	St. John's,	W. "	H. W. Chalfant,	W. Master.
			J. T. Bragg,	J. Warden.
6	Emerson,	R. W. "	Rev. W. Jno. Garton,	Proxy.
7	Assiniboine,	V. W. "	L. Remey,	Proxy.
8	King Solomon,	W. "	James Lawrie,	W. Master.
10	Northern Light,	W. "	J. R. Jones,	W. Master.
11	Gladstone,	W. "	Thos. L. Morton,	W. Master.
13	Belmont,	W. "	Jacob Heiman,	W. Master.
14	Prince of Wales,	R. W. "	R. Hill Myers,	Proxy.
15	Corinthian,	R. W. "	R. Percy Crookshank,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	W. "	N. J. Halpin,	W. Master.
24	Neepawa,	W. "	P. B. Hazleton,	W. Master.
25	Ionic,	W. "	Fred. J. C. Cox,	W. Master.
26	Moose Jaw,	W. "	F. E. Statham,	W. Master.
27	Glenwood,	M. W. "	James A. Ovas,	Proxy.
28	Bow River,	W. "	John DeSousa,	Proxy.
29	Carberry,	W. "	G. S. Haslem,	W. Master.
30	Manitou,	W. "	R. W. McClung,	W. Master.
		W. "	J. S. Grant,	S. Warden.
31	Medicine Hat,	M. W. "	Thos. Tweed,	Proxy.
32	Qu'Appelle,	R. W. "	F. S. Proctor,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	R. W. "	H. H. Campkin,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	W. "	A. H. Smyth,	W. Master.
36	Doric,	"	Geo. C. Hill,	S. Warden.
37	Alberta,	R. W. "	J. Thompson Black,	Proxy.

19	Birtle,		Bro. Rev. Wm. Robertson,	S. Warden.
10	Deloraine,	W.	" W. H. Wilson,	W. Master.
11	North Star,		" W. Ridley Beal,	J. Warden.
12	Cascade,	M. W.	" Thos. Robinson,	Proxy.
13	Lebanon,		" E. A. Holmes,	S. Warden.
14	Oak Lake,	W.	" A. Fenwick,	Proxy.
15	Spitzie,	R. W.	" Wm. G. Scott,	Proxy.
19	Temple,	W.	" Donald McLean,	W. Master.
51	Treherne,	W.	" J. Coulter,	W. Master.
52	Hartney,		" Benjamin Roper,	S. Warden.
53	Edmonton,	V. W.	" E. A. Braithwaite,	Proxy.
54	Oriental,	W.	" Geo. Stewart,	W. Master.
56	Maple Leaf,	R. W.	" Wm. Crawford,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	M. W.	" Geo. B. Murphy,	Proxy.
58	Innisfail,	W.	" Henry Fry,	Proxy.
60	Perfection,	W.	" F. E. Statham,	Proxy.
62	Russell,		" E. A. Struthers,	J. Warden.
64	Composite,	R. W.	" Wm. Fenwick,	Proxy.
67	Wawanesa,	W.	" W. T. Johnston,	W. Master.
			" Frank O. Fowler,	J. Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), and W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62), when the election proceeded, with the following results :

- R. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), Deloraine, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), Emerson, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64), Alexander, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Minnedosa, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Edmonton, Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters.

- W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor (4), Winnipeg, First Masonic District.
W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29), Carberry, Second Masonic District.
W. Bro. J. K. Robson (51), Treherne, Third Masonic District.
W. Bro. C. R. Foley (30), Manitou, Fourth Masonic District.
W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson (14), Minnedosa, Fifth Masonic District.
W. Bro. S. E. Lang (43), Virden, Sixth Masonic District.
W. Bro. A. B. Gillis (47), Whitewood, Eighth Masonic District.
W. Bro. John DeSousa (28), Bow River, Ninth Masonic District.
W. Bro. T. E. McNabb (41), Lethbridge, Tenth Masonic District.

There being no Representatives or Past Masters present from the Seventh Masonic District, the Grand Master Elect subsequently appointed the following brother as District Deputy Grand Master :

- W. Bro. John McTaggart (16), Prince Albert, Seventh Masonic District.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the scrutineers for their services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master Elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :

- V. W. Bro. John Dixon (56), Maple Creek, Grand S. Deacon.
- V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deacon.
- V. W. Bro. Francis E. Statham (26), Moose Jaw, Grand D. of C.
- V. W. Bro. W. J. F. Robertson (1), Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
- V. W. Bro. James Wilson (36), Boissevain, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. R. Wynn (58), Innisfail, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. A. McDonagh (62), Russell, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. Jos. Cornell (67), Wawanesa, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. Peter B. Hazelton (24), Neepawa, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. James Montgomery (35), Moosomin, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. Humphrey Hart (4), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. John Hanna (44), Oak Lake, Grand Steward.
- V. W. Bro. Theo. A. Burrows (68), Dauphin, Grand Pursuivant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Nominating Committee, to select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees :

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin.
R. W. Bro. Edward W. Rugg.
W. Bro. N. J. Halpin.
R. W. Bro. M. Lawrie.
R. W. Bro. G. S. McGregor.
R. W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart.
R. W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank.
W. Bro. J. K. Robson.
M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy.
W. Bro. John DeSousa.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported recommending the following Standing Committees :

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), (chairman); M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, (13), M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed (31), R. W. Bro. Geo. Baker (10), R. W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank (15).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), (chairman) ; R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), R. W. Bro. J. T. Black (4), R. W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), M. W. Bro. W. G. Bell (3).

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), (chairman) ; M. W. Bro. J. A. Ovas (27), R. W. Bro. W. Fenwick (64), R. W. Bro. F. G. Lewin (35), R. W. Bro. M. Laurie (8).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Canon Matheson (10), (chairman); M. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), R. W. Bro. Harry Campkin (33), V. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), W. Bro. A. H. Smith (35).

ON BENEVOLENCE.

M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1), (chairman) ; M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), R. W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), V. W. Bro. Jno. Thomson (3).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R. W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), (chairman) ; R. W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton (6), R. W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), W. Bro. T. L. Morton (11), V. W. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), (chairman) ; V. W. Bro. C. H. Enderton (3), V. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), V. W. Bro. A. Hooper (2), W. Bro. Herbert Radford (25).

ON FINANCE.

V. W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), (chairman) ; V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), V. W. Bro. J. C. Saul (1), W. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25).

On motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the report of the nominating Committee was received and confirmed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master Elect, R. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees :

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), (convener), M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed, (31), V. W. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), (convener), W. Bro. George Patterson (40), V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M. W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara (1), (convener), R. W. Bro. -
E. W. Rugg (3), W. Bro. John R. Grant (10).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), (convener); M. W. Bro. Rev. S.
P. Matheson (10), R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

ON DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS' EXPENSES.

R. W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), (convener); R. W. Bro. J. M.
Robinson (19), R. W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart (13), W. Bro. James M.
Suttie (3), R. W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4).

ON TESTIMONIAL TO R. W. BRO. WM. G. SCOTT.

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), (convener); V. W. Bro. D. V.
McDermid (1), M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), R. W. Bro. W.
Crawford (31), R. W. Bro. A. B. Gillis (47), R. W. Bro. Wm. A.
Windatt (3), R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64).

AUDITORS.

R. W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4), R. W. Bro. William E. Ha-
ley (3).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment
at 6:15 o'clock, p.m., until 8 o'clock, p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 8 o'clock, p.m.
 Present, M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master.
 Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. M.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. John Garton (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. John Leslie, assisted by M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson and M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. GEO. B. MURPHY.

M.W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson, in a few appropriate words, presented M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Past Grand

Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, with a handsome chain collar, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

PRESENTATION TO R.W. BRO. G. S. MCGREGOR.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, in a few appropriate words, presented R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor, Past District Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of District No. 2, with a handsome Past D. D. G. M. jewel, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the twenty-fifth Annual Communication was 'closed in *ample form* at 10:30 o'clock, p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :



James A. Ows.

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor, Winnipeg.

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg.
"	55—East Star	Gretna.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope, Carberry.

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.
"	29—Carberry	Carberry.
"	49—Temple	McGregor.
"	68—Vermillion	Dauphin.
"	75—Gothic	Austin.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. K. Robson, Treherne.

No.	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro.
"	51—Treherne	Treherne.
"	63—Holland	Holland.
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa.
"	70—Shiloh	Roland.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. C. R. Foley, Manitou.

No. 18—Belmont	Morden.
" 30—Manitou	Manitou.
" 36—Doric	Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine	Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney	Killarney.
" 54—Oriental	Melita.
" 71—Crystal	Crystal City.
U. D. —Napinka	Napinka.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson, Minnedosa.

No. 14—Prince of Wales	Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian	Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle	Birtle.
" 62—Russell	Russell.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, Virden.

No. 19—Brandon	Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood	Souris.
" 43—Lebanon	Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake	Oak Lake.
" 52—Hartney	Hartney.
" 64—Composite	Alexander.
" 74—Elkhorn	Elkhorn.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John McTaggart, Prince Albert.

No. 16—Kinistino	Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle	Battleford.
" 72—Duck Lake	Duck Lake.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Gillis, Whitewood.

No. 23—Wascana	Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head	Indian Head.

No. 34—Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin	Moosomin.
" 47—Ashlar	Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star	Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police	Regina.
" 69—Yorkton	Yorkton.
U. D. —Wolseley	Wolseley.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John DeSousa, Calgary.

No. 28—Bow River	Calgary.
" 42—Cascade	Anthracite.
" 53—Edmonton	Edmonton.
" 58—Innisfail	Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection	Calgary.
" 65—Eureka	Lacombe.
" 66—Acacia	South Edmonton.
" 73—Red Deer	Red Deer.
U. D. —Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas McNab, Lethbridge.

No. 31—Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta	Macleod.
" 41—North Star	Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie	Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf	Maple Creek.

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District	7
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	8
Fifth Masonic District	4
Sixth Masonic District	7
Seventh Masonic District	3
Eighth Masonic District	11
Ninth Masonic District	9
Tenth Masonic District	5
Total	70

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, Dec. 27th, 1899.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Mem'b'ship 27th Dec., 1899.	Mem'b'ship 27th Dec., 1898.
1	Prince Rupert.....	6	8	6	5	1	6	4	...	2	...	196	196
2	Lisgar.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	58	58
3	Ancient Landmark.....	6	3	...	...	4	10	...	...	1	...	182	180
4	St. John's.....	9	7	10	4	1	1	...	...	2	...	131	142
5	Emerson.....	2	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	39	40
6	Assiniboine.....	2	2	2	...	3	4	1	...	...	1	71	71
7	King Solomon.....	4	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	46	48
8	Oakland.....	1	3	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	61
9	Northern Light.....	7	6	4	5	...	5	...	...	...	1	77	84
10	Gladstone.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	30
11	Stonewall.....	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	31
12	Belmont.....	3	3	3	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	93	90
13	Prince of Wales.....	8	8	6	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	50	55
14	Corinthian.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	32	29
15	Kinistino.....	3	5	5	2	3	7	...	...	...	1	53	64
16	Brandon.....	13	14	14	5	...	2	4	...	1	1	92	103
17	Wascana.....	2	2	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	58	56
18	Neepawa.....	2	3	3	5	...	3	...	...	...	4	43	47
19	Neepawa.....	6	8	5	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	100	102
20	Moose Jaw.....	8	6	6	1	...	1	2	...	1	2	51	56
21	Glenwood.....	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	41
22	Row River.....	11	11	10	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	78	93
23	Carberry.....	3	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	81	80
24	Manitou.....	4	5	5	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	32	34

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, Dec. 27th, 1898.—Continued.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Mem'b'ship 27th Dec. 1898.	Mem'b'ship 27th Dec. 1899.
67	Wawanesa	2	8	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	18	21
68	Vermillion	9	9	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	21
69	Yorkton	11	7	7	13	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	24
70	Shiloh	4	8	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
71	Crystal	4	4	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	15
72	Duck Lake .....	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
73	Red Deer .....	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
74	Elkhorn .....	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
		235	230	222	141	17	122	28	1	21	44	2870	3091

REINTEGRATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON- PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	6 2
Ellis Kimberley.....	January 17, 1899 ..	Prince Rupert's..	1
Herbison Eaton....	October 2, 1899 ...	Lisgar	2
John Black	April 10, 1899.....	Ancient Landm'k.	3
est	February 13, 1899 ..	Ancient Landm'k.	3
James Cross.....	November 13, 1899.	Ancient Landm'k.	3
Henry Birch.....	December 11, 1899.	Ancient Landm'k.	3
Welte	December 14, 1899	St. John's	4
in Burrows Johnston	December 14, 1899.	Emerson	6
Fulton.....	March 15, 1899 ..	Assiniboine	7
Daniel McDonald ...	April 19, 1899	Assiniboine	7
Watson	December 20, 1899.	Assiniboine	7
Sholts Douglas (E.A.)	May 5, 1899.....	Kinistino ..	16
David Meyers	February 3, 1899 ..	Kinistino	16
Reginald Gunn	July 7, 1899.....	Kinistino	16
ephens.....	September 15, 1899.	Indian Head.....	33
ington	February 23, 1899.	Cascade	42
Lincoln Smith.....	October 12, 1899 ..	Cascade	42

LODGE DIRECTORY.

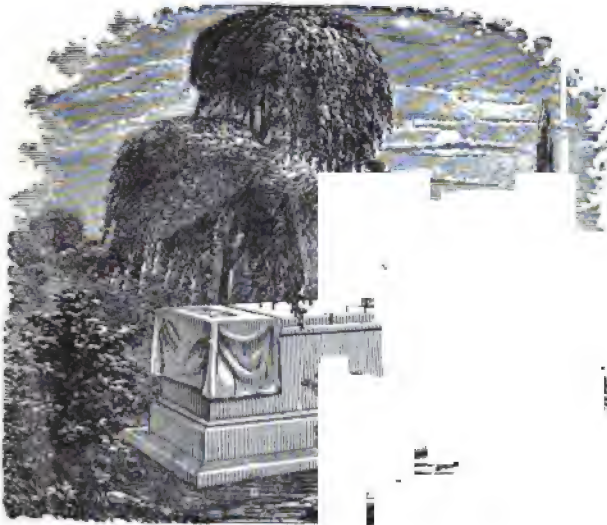
Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	TOWN AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	MUNICIPALITY	PROVINCE OR DISTRICT.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF REGULAR MEETING
1	Prince Rupert.	Winnipeg	Winnipeg.	Manitoba	G. H. Walker	G. H. Hargrave.	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Selkirk	Manitoba	E. O. Wheeler	M. M. Montefiore	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark.	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. M. Suttie	J. E. Anderson	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's.	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	H. W. Chaffant	J. G. Hossack	Second Thursday in each month.
5	Emerson*	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	Samuel J. Eikin	Rev. W. J. Garton.	Thursday on or before full moon.
6	Assiniboine.	Portage la Prairie.	P'ge la Prairie.	Manitoba	Robert S. Cowie	Leslie Remey	Third Wednesday in each month.
7	King Solomon	Morris.	Morris	Manitoba	James L. Lowrie	G. F. Birney	First Tuesday in each month.
8	Oakland.	Carman.	Dufferin	Manitoba	A. W. Badger	John M. Wallar	Tuesday on or before full moon.
9	Northern Light.	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. R. Jones	Wm. Hill	Third Thursday in each month.
10	Gladstone.	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	T. L. Morton	John Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon.
11	Stonewall.	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	A. R. Leonard	T. Ramsey	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Belmont.	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	Jacob Heman	A. A. Holbirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
13	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	John F. Boyd	S. L. Taylor	Friday on or before full moon.
14	Corinthian.	Rapid City	Saskatchewan.	Manitoba	D. E. B. Daly	Edward Peplow	First Tuesday in each month.
15	Kinistino.	Prince Albert.	Brandon	Manitoba	D. C. McLellan	H. L. Adolph	First Friday in each month.
16	Brandon	Brandon	Langford	Manitoba	N. J. Halpin	James Stewart	Second Tuesday in each month.
17	Wascana	Regina	Winnipeg	Manitoba	R. B. Ferguson	T. W. Peart	First Tuesday in each month.
18	Neepawa	Neepawa	Winnipeg	Manitoba	P. B. Hazleton	Alex. Lowe	Wednesday on or before full moon.
19	Tonic	Winnipeg	Glenwood	Manitoba	F. J. C. Cox	W. C. Copeland	First Friday in each month.
20	Moose Jaw	Souris	North Cypress	Manitoba	F. E. Stratham	M. H. Cook	Second Tuesday in each month.
21	Glenwood	Calgary	Fernbina	Manitoba	John A. Taylor	John de Sousa	Friday on or before full moon.
22	Bow River.	Carberry	Manitoba	Manitoba	E. D. H. Wilkins	J. J. Armstrong	Second Monday in each month.
23	Manitou	Medicine Hat	Manitoba	Manitoba	G. S. Haslam	Henry Burke	Tuesday on or before full moon.
24	Medicine Hat	Fort Qu'Appelle	Manitoba	Manitoba	R. W. McClung	Wm. H. Gee	Friday on or before full moon.
25	Qu'Appelle Valley*	Indian Head	Manitoba	Manitoba	W. N. Adat	Robert Williams	Tuesday on or after full moon.
26	Indian Head	Qu'Appelle	Manitoba	Manitoba	John A. McDonald	H. H. Chapman	Friday on or before full moon.
27	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Manitoba	Manitoba	George Thompson	Fredrick Bell	Tuesday on or before full moon.
28	Moosomin.	Moosomin	Manitoba	Manitoba	John P. Jones	H. E. Dill	Friday on or before full moon.
29	Dorice	Boissevain	Manitoba	Manitoba	A. H. Smith	James D. Balne	Wednesday on or before full moon.
30	Alberta.	Macleod	Manitoba	Manitoba	W. P. Cunningham	K. G. Mathews	Wednesday on or before full moon.
31	Battle	Battleford	Manitoba	Manitoba	Frank W. Spicer	J. R. Michael	First Wednesday in each month.

39	Birtle.....	Birtle.....	Birtle.....	Manitoba.....	J. B. Haines.....	W. B. Chapman.....	Second Monday in each month.
40	Deloraine.....	Deloraine.....	Deloraine.....	Manitoba.....	W. H. Wilson.....	D. J. Wright.....	Wed' day on or before full moon.
41	North Star.....	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge.....	Alberta.....	Hugh Scott.....	A. G. Nedham.....	Second Monday in each month.
42	Canada.....	Anthracite.....	Anthracite.....	Alberta.....	O. E. S. Whiteside.....	Hamilton Lang.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon.....	Virdeu.....	Virdeu.....	Manitoba.....	Robert E. Trumbell.....	Wm. F. South.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake.....	Oak Lake.....	Oak Lake.....	Manitoba.....	John Hanna.....	W. J. Hellwell.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek.....	Pincher Creek.....	Manitoba.....	J. H. W. S. Kemmle.....	H. E. Hyde.....	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Ashlar.....	Whitewood.....	Whitewood.....	Assiniboia.....	P. H. Gillis.....	F. R. Goldschmidt.....	Friday on or before full moon.
47	Glenboro.....	Glenboro.....	Glenboro.....	Manitoba.....	William Noble.....	Fred. T. Axford.....	Second Monday in each month.
48	Temple.....	McGregor.....	McGregor.....	Manitoba.....	Donald MacLean.....	Frank M. Berry.....	Wed' day on or after full moon.
49	Killarney.....	Killarney.....	Killarney.....	Manitoba.....	Jonathan Lindsey.....	James M. Baldwin.....	Friday on or before full moon.
50	Treherne.....	Treherne.....	Treherne.....	Manitoba.....	John Coulter.....	Rev. A. W. Goulding.....	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Hartney.....	Hartney.....	Hartney.....	Manitoba.....	James Duthie.....	Wm. A. Cameron.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
52	Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....	Alberta.....	George T. Bragg.....	J. W. Morris.....	Third Thursday in each month.
53	Oriental.....	Mellia.....	Mellia.....	Manitoba.....	George Stewart.....	H. V. Morse.....	Friday on or before full moon.
54	East Star.....	Maple Creek.....	Maple Creek.....	Assiniboia.....	J. D. Tomkins.....	George Viertel.....	Wed' day on or before full moon.
55	Maple Leaf.....	Grenfell.....	Grenfell.....	Assiniboia.....	John Dixon.....	W. M. Fenwick.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
56	Evening Star.....	Innisfail.....	Innisfail.....	Alberta.....	Edward Fitzgerald.....	A. W. Argue.....	Tuesday on or after full moon.
57	Perfection.....	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	Alberta.....	John A. Will-on.....	R. M. Archer.....	Third Thursday in each month.
58	N. West M't d Police.....	Regina.....	Regina.....	Assiniboia.....	John G. May.....	J. G. Terry.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
59	Russell.....	Russell.....	Russell.....	Manitoba.....	Robert Belcher.....	H. T. Ayre.....	First Thursday in each month.
60	Holland.....	Holland.....	Holland.....	Manitoba.....	G. M. Shaw.....	W. B. Leonard.....	Wed' day on or before full moon.
61	Composite.....	Alexander.....	Alexander.....	Manitoba.....	F. H. Inge.....	H. L. Nixon.....	Wed' day on or before full moon.
62	Eureka.....	Lacombe.....	Lacombe.....	Alberta.....	Wm. Dick-on.....	Wm. Fenwick.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
63	Acacia.....	Strathcona.....	Strathcona.....	Alberta.....	G. W. Streeter.....	C. S. Ching.....	First Wednesday in each month.
64	Wawanesa.....	Dauphin.....	Dauphin.....	Manitoba.....	T. F. English.....	D. S. Mackenzie.....	Second Thursday in each month.
65	Vermillion.....	Dauphin.....	Dauphin.....	Manitoba.....	W. T. Johnston.....	F. D. Barclay.....	Monday on or before full moon.
66	Yorkton.....	Yorkton.....	Yorkton.....	Assiniboia.....	J. C. Harvey.....	E. Widmeyer.....	First Tuesday in each month.
67	Shiloh.....	Roland.....	Roland.....	Manitoba.....	G. G. C. Walley.....	C. D. T. Becker.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
68	Crystal.....	Crystal City.....	Crystal City.....	Manitoba.....	H. Manning.....	C. F. Boardman.....	Thursday on or after full moon.
69	Duck Lake.....	Red Deer.....	Red Deer.....	Saskatchewan.....	Wm. Fawcett.....	Wm. G. Duff.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
70	Red Deer.....	Elkhorn.....	Elkhorn.....	Alberta.....	S. P. Wean.....	J. H. Price.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
71	Gothic.....	Austin.....	Austin.....	Manitoba.....	W. M. Cushing.....	J. Hinchcliffe.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
72	U. D. Wolsley.....	Wolsley.....	Wolsley.....	Manitoba.....	W. T. Speed.....	Geo. T. Rogers.....	Monday on or before full moon.
73				Manitoba.....	James Pollock.....	Geo. Camell.....	Monday on or after full moon.
74				Manitoba.....			Tuesday on or before full moon.
75				Manitoba.....			

DEATHS 21--16 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NUMBER.
David Wesley Cummings..	June 10, 1899.....	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Alexander Wilkes	September 5, 1899	Prince Rupert's	1
Adolphe Gideon Hample..	September 18, 1899.	Ancient Landmark ..	3
Wilson Burse	October 15, 1899 ..	St. John's	4
William Henry Finnerty..	December 4, 1899.	St. John's	4
James Rodman	March 24, 1899.....	King Solomon	8
John Hugh Fraser	October 11, 1899 ..	Belmont	13
William Rutherford.	September 21, 1899.	Prince of Wales.....	14
Thomas Massender	December 28, 1899	Brandon	19
Robert James Brown.....	June 19, 1899	Moose Jaw	26
John Peters Anderson...	January 1, 1899	Carberry	29
Thomas Corril Coggs.....	February 7, 1899 ..	Carberry	29
Edward West	March 22, 1899	Doric.....	36
John Cotton.....	May 7, 1899	Battle	38
William Stevenson McLean	October 10, 1899 ..	North Star.....	41
Alexander Spiers	July 1, 1899	Oak Lake	44
Hugh Hall	January 5, 1899	Temple	49
William Logie.....	October 3, 1899	Temple	49
Robert Samuel Alexander	December 31, 1898.	Treherne	51
William Ford	July 24, 1899.....	Treherne	51
James Allen Chisholm	March 2, 1899.....	Evening Star	57

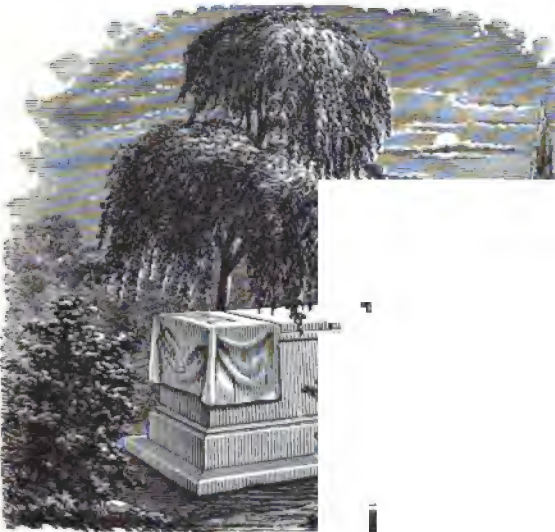


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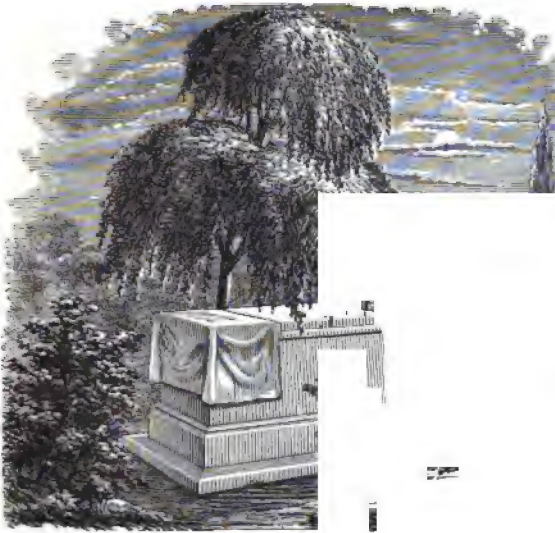
*Twenty-One Brethren of the Sixteen Lodges
whose deaths have been reported during
the Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1899.*

"Dust to Dust, the dark decree—
Soul to God, the soul is free ;
Leave them with the lowly lain—
Brothers, we shall meet again."



In Memory
of the
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

**"Death is not all sleep—
Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years :
And all that life is love."**



In Memoriam.

R. W. BRO. A. C. SEWELL,

*Past Master of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14,
Minnedosa, Manitoba.*

*Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth
Masonic District.*

Born at Windsor, Ont., 1846.

Died at Minnedosa, Man., May 2nd, 1900.

"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What He has given—
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly
As in His Heaven."

PENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Rimer.....	May 5, 1899	Ionic	25

PENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
le Gowan.....	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
ander McFarlane..	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
Christian Peterson.	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
ngford Watts.....	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
nnie	June 5, 1899	Liagar	2
iel McDonald	January 18, 1899...	Assiniboine	7
Thompson	December 15, 1899.	Corinthian	15
ennant Atkinson...	December 12, 1899.	Brandon	19
harp	December 12, 1899	Brandon	19
annahill	December 12, 1899.	Brandon	19
son Todd	December 12, 1899.	Brandon	19
Lean	May 9, 1899	Moose Jaw	26
ndon Cullen.....	May 9, 1899	Moose Jaw	26
iel	July 18, 1899	Carberry	29
Charles Tulley	July 18, 1899	Carberry	29
oldsmith Booth ...	February 24, 1899.	Indian Head	33
r	April 25, 1899	Qu'Appelle	34
enton Herron	May 3, 1899	Battle	38
acDonald	May 3, 1899	Battle ..	38
eph St. George....	May 3, 1899	Battle	38
turtis Medder	November 15, 1899.	Deloraine	40
lamson	January 24, 1899 ..	Lebanon	43
Gibson Fraser	January 24, 1899 ..	Lebanon	43
exander Munroe...	March 25, 1899	Maple Leaf	56
Idal	March 25, 1899	Maple Leaf	56
nons	October 17, 1899 ..	Perfection	60
atson Soper	September 13, 1899.	Russell	62
Geo. Richardson..	November 15, 1899.	Russell	62

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON
THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.**

YEAR ELECTED.	GRAND MASTERS.	DEPUTY GRAND-MASTERS.	GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND REGISTRARS.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke.	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy. nedy.	Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson.....	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell..	†H. T. Champ'ou	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy. nedy.	Jas. Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson..	G F. Newcomb...	†J. J. Johnson ...	*John H. Bell..	J. W. Harris....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb...	Jas. Henderson..	John W. Harris	.....	†J. J. Johnson ...	*John H. Bell..	*Col. John Kennedy. nedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb...	John W. Harris..	Simon Duffin..	*F. T. Bradley ...	†J. J. Johnson ...	*John H. Bell..	*Col. John Kennedy. nedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris	Simon Duffin..	R. McQuaig	†J. J. Johnson ...	*John H. Bell..	†James Munroe..	Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell.....	.....	*Hon. G. McKee. Micken.	†J. M. McGregor..	†J. J. Johnson ...	Wm. G. Scott..	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	†D. B. Murray.	.....	†J. J. Johnson ...	Jas Henderson	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell.....	Wm G. Scott....	†Alfred Pearson	.....	†J. J. Johnson ...	.....	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell.....	†D. B. Murray ..	R. McQuaig....	†John Smith, M.D.	†J. J. Johnson ...	Wm. G. Scott..	D. Young, M.D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	*John H. Bell.....	.....	* Rev. J. M. Wellwood. P. McGregor.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	†J. J. Johnson ...	Wm. G. Scott..	*Wm. Simpson..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	.....	.....	†Thos Collins....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	*J. W. H. Wilson..	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	.....	†Alfred Pearson.	*J. W. H. Wilson	.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	Wm. G. Bell	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Alfred Pearson ..	Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	Jas. S. Greig	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark....	John A. Kerr....	Jas. A. Ovas ..	Wm. G. Bell	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	Joseph Daniel ..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	*Thomas Clark....	James A. Ovas ..	Wm. G. Bell ..	R. C. Brown	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	.....	.....
1890	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell	Thos L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	.....	.....

1890	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell	††T. McPherson..	Fred L. Newman..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	†R. W. Woodroffe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell	*John W. H. Wilson.	Rich'd B. Foley	John Leslie.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	James G. Degg..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson.	D. J. Goggin.....	F. G. Lewin ..	Thos. Robinson ..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	Wm. A. Windatt	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thos. Robinson..	Thos. Tweed..	Corbet Locke.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	J. H. Munson ...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed....	Charles N. Bell..	Corbet Locke..	Hugh U. Bain	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper.	Rev. C. E. Fittblado
1895	Charles N. Bell....	Corbet Locke....	James Leslie..	G. B. Murphy	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	*John Chambers	Rev. C. E. Fittblado
1896	Corbet Locke.....	John Leslie.....	F. L. Newman	T. F. English.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	C N. Mitchell ..	Rev. J. W. Matheson.
1897	Thomas Robinson.	G. B. Murphy...	Rev. W. J. Gar- ton.	Wm. Crawford....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	J. O. Smith.....	Rev. Andrew Chisholm.
1898	George B. Murphy	H. J. Eberts	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	Edward W. Rugg	Rev. C. E. Littler
1899	John Leslie.....	R. S. Thornton..	W. A. Windatt	S. B. Jameson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott...	J. A. Sutherland	Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	R. S. Thornton....	W. Jno. Garton..	Wm. Fenwick.	R. Hill Meyers....	John McKechnie..	James A. Ovas..	R. A. Braithwaite	Prof. Baird.

* Dead.

† Removed from jurisdiction.

‡ Withdrawn from Masonry.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1900-1901.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Deloraine	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton, Emerson..	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, Alexander	Grand Senior Wardens.
R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Minnedosa.....	Grand Junior Wardens.
R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor, Winnipeg	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope, Carberry	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. J. K. Robson, Treherne	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. C. R. Foley, Manitou	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson, Minnedosa	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. John McTaggart, Prince Albert	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, Virden	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. A. B. Gillis, Whitewood	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. John DeSousa, Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Thomas McNab, Lethbridge	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Edmonton	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, Winnipeg	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. John Dixon, Maple Creek	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb, Winnipeg	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Francis E. Statham, Calgary	
	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. W. J. F. Robertson, Winnipeg	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. James Wilson, Boissevain	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. R. Wynn, Innisfail	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. McDonagh, Russell	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Jos. Cornell, Wawanesa	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Peter Hazelton, Neepawa	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. James Montgomery, Moosomin	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Humphrey Hart, Winnipeg	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John L. Hanna, Griswold	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Theo. A. Burrows, Dauphin	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg	Grand Tyler.

**ST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND
ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.
DOMINION OF CANADA.**

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
British Columbia.....	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario)...	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	St. Johns.
Nova Scotia.....	Hon. W. Ross.....	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island.	Neil McKelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England.....	Edward Letchworth..	London.
Ireland.....	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S	Dublin.
Scotland.. ..	David Murray Lyon..	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong.....	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona.....	Geo. J. Roskrue.....	Tucson.
Kansas	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Geo. Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee..	Denver.
Connecticut.....	John H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia ..	Wm. R. Singleton ...	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Wilbur P. Webster...	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Iaho	T. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory.....	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin..	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dw'r 81.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy....	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson ..	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan.....	Jefferson S. Conover..	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Thos. Montgomery...	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.

**LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.—Continued.**

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Missouri	John D. Vincil.	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges....	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Plattsmouth
Nevada.	C. N. Noteware	Carson.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves....	Concord.
New Jersey	Thos. H. R. Redway..	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen. ...	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers.	New York, Mas. Temple
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt.	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson..	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn....	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inalesby....	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew.	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, Box 5.
Utah	Christopher Diehl....	Salt Lake City, Box 780
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds.	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington..	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed....	Olympia.
West Virginia	Geo. W. Atkinson....	Charleston.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall...	Saratoga.

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson..	Auckland.
South Australia	Jas. H. Cunningham.	Adelaide.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER
GRAND LODGES.

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
St. Columbia	Eli Harrison.....	Victoria.....	January 9, 1878
St. da.....	A. E. Irving.....	Hamilton.....	January 14, 1876
Brunswick.	Donald Munroe..	Woodstock...	April 20, 1892
Scotia.....	Geo. W. G. Bonner	Halifax.....	January 7, 1899
St. Ed'd Isl'd	Thos. A. McLean.	Charlottetown.	February 21, 1876
St. ec.....	Will H. Whyte...	Montreal.....	September 30, 1885

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

St. and.....	Thomas Penn.....	London.....	March 17, 1887
St. nd.....	Rt. R'd J. B. Crozier	Dublin.....	October 25, 1898
St. and.....	Jas Melville.....	Edinburgh...	October 30, 1889

IN THE UNITED STATES.

St. ma.....	J. W. Carmichael.	Ozard.....	May 8, 1886
St. na.....	Alex. G. Oliver...	Prescott.....	June 22, 1889
St. nsas.....	A. A. Gibson.....	Hope.....	January 5, 1887
St. ornia.....	Niles Searls.....	Nevada.....	May 13, 1896
St. rado.....	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango.....	September 10, 1891
St. ecticut....	Geo. W. Bentley.	New London	March 2, 1876
St. ware.....	And'w L. Johnson	Wilmington..	October 6, 1884
St. of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby	Washington..	October 16, 1895
St. da.....	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee..	January 6, 1879
St. gia.....	James M. Levy...	Covington...	March 17, 1887
St. o.....	Martin Cathcart..	Placerville...	June 9, 1879
St. is.....	Jacob Krohn.....	Freeport.....	March 27, 1884
St. n Territory	William Jas. Oak.	Goodland.....	March 18, 1898
St.	G. M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	September 30, 1885
St. as.....	Abijah Wells.....	Seneca.....	December 10, 1886
St. siana.....	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles.	May 1, 1895
St. e.....	A. W. Wetherbee.	Warren.....	March 30, 1877
St. land.....	Wm. H. Ruby....	Towson.....	January 10, 1884
St. igan.....	Wm. T. Mitchell.	Port Huron..	November 16, 1883
St. esota.....	H. C. Shepard...	Winona.....	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	Salem	January 20, 1899
Montana	Julian M. Knight	Virginia City	Nov'ber 29, 1875
Nebraska	Tob J. King.	O'Neil	November 1, 1899
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy	Gold Hill	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire...	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Burlington	Nov'ber 23, 1894
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts....	New York	Decemb'r 10, 1892
North Carolina ..	Samuel H. Smith..	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Thomas Nisbet ...	Grand Forks ..	March 15, 1899
Ohio	Rev. C. G. Martin	Sandusky	July 31, 1899
Oregon	Wm. H. Hobson	Salem	January 24, 1899
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	February 4, 1899
South Carolina ..	Charles Inglesby ..	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter ...	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	Milton H. Price ..	De Soto	April 11, 1899
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsicana	Septe'ber 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson ..	Salt Lake City ..	Septe'ber 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker ..	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	Frank Gilmer	Charlottesville ..	February 8, 1899
Washington	Edward R. Hare ...	Tacoma	January 12, 1900
West Virginia ...	James Luke, jr.	New Cumberl'd ..	Decemb'r 10, 1898
Wisconsin	John Gill	Milwaukee	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of..	Rafael Joglar	Havana.	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	Ellis Robinson. ..	Sidney	Nove'ber 10, 1893
New Zealand ...	Hon. H'y Feldwick ..	Tuvercargill ...	Decemb'r 10, 1892
South Australia..	Jas. Magor Symons ..	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria.....	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Canada.....	Rev. S.P. Matheson	Winnipeg....	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James. A. Carley..	Winnipeg....	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick.	John McGuirl ...	Moosomin ...	April 1899
Nova Scotia	Rev. J. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg....	April
Prince E. Island.	John J. Jackson ..	Winnipeg....	June
Quebec.....	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg....	June

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

England	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg...	Oct
Ireland.....	Wm. G. Scott....	Winnipeg....	Oct
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell.....	Winnipeg....	Aug

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Alabama	James Leslie.....	Minnedosa...	March
Arizona	A. B. Gillis	Whitewood ..	March
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	P. la Prairie..	January
California	F. Leslie Newman	P. la Prairie..	September
Colorado	John R. Jones ...	Winnipeg....	March
Connecticut	Geo. W. Baker ..	Winnipeg....	March
Delaware	Alex. J. Belch....	Winnipeg....	January 2,
Dist. of Columbia	Thos. A. Cuddy..	Minnedosa...	November 27,
Florida	James D. Baine ..	Boissevain ...	May 21,
Georgia	Thos. L. Morton..	Gladstone...	April 2,
Idaho	Rev. W. J. Garton	Emerson	July 7,
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg....	January 1,
Kansas	James A. Ovas ...	Souris	January 1,
Louisiana	James J. White...	Winnipeg....	June 17,
Maine.....	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine....	December 29,
Maryland	D. H. McFadden.	Emerson	January 5,
Michigan	John McKechnie.	Winnipeg....	January 1,
Minnesota	Thos. W. Taylor .	Winnipeg....	December 26,
Mississippi	William G. Bell..	Winnipeg....	February 24,
Montana	John F. Boyd	Minnedosa...	February 12,
Nebraska	Herman J. Eberts	Winnipeg....	April 23,
Nevada	Richard D. Foley.	Manitou	November 13,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Nevada.....	Corbet Locke ...	Morden.....	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin..	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey.....	Wm. J. Ptolemy..	Winnipeg....	November 17, 1895
New Mexico....	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka.....	November 5, 1879
New York.....	John W. Harris ..	Winnipeg....	January 30, 1879
North Carolina..	William Crawford	Macleod, Ala	May 5, 1891
North Dakota...	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.....	January 5, 1899
Ohio	W. C. Copeland..	Winnipeg....	January 22, 1886
Oregon.....	Alex. L. Young ..	Souris	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island...	James Geo. Dagg.	Selkirk.....	December 8, 1894
South Carolina..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Winnipeg....	March 31, 1891
South Dakota...	Herb't H. Goulter	Viriden	December 1, 1897
Tennessee	Harry H. Campkin	Indian Head .	May 1, 1899
Texas	Henry Jas. Pugh.	Viriden	April 3, 1899
Utah	Geo. B. Murphy..	Moosomin ...	May 20, 1897
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1896
Virginia.....	Robt. Hill Myers.	Minnedosa...	December 30, 1898
Washington	Wm. E. Hazley ..	Winnipeg....	January 11, 1900
West Virginia ..	William Fenwick.	Alexander ...	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin	William Braden..	Winnipeg ...	May 22, 1899

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of.	John McOuat	StonyMou't'n	April 14, 1891
New So'h Wales	Dan'l H. McMillan	Winnipeg....	June 24, 1889
New Zealand ...	Thomas Tweed ..	Medicine Hat.	February 25, 1893
South Australia.	J. K. O'Loughlin.	Winnipeg ...	July 31, 1899
Victoria.....	Francis G. Lewin	Moosomin....	February 14, 1894

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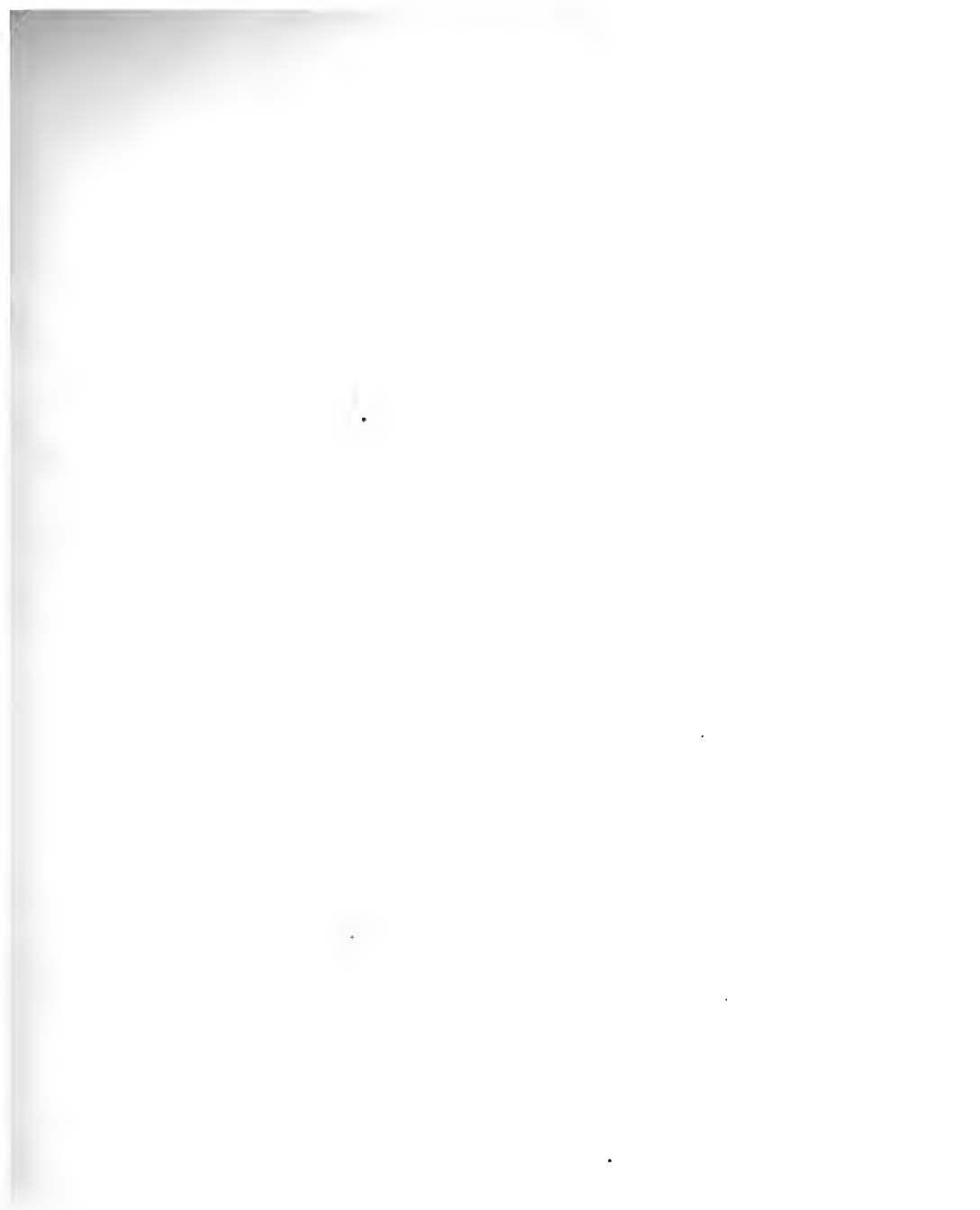
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Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1907

W. W. DODD, MASTER.
R. J. FORTKROG, SECRETARY.

W. W. DODD, TREASURER.
JAMES A. TAYLOR, DISTRICT CLERK.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., will be held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, commencing on the Second Wednesday, being the Twelfth day of June, A. D. 1907, to wit: 1907.



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GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, 1900

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G. W. GRAND SECRETARY :
JAMES A. OVAT, WINNIPEG.

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The Twenty-Sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, June 12th, A.L. 5901, A.D. 1901.

PRESENT.

- M. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton (40) Grand Master.
- R. W. " William G. Scott (1) As Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. " William Fenwick (64) Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. " R. Hill Myers (14) Grand Junior Warden
- R. W. " Thomas W. Taylor (4) D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. " Eustace Cope (29) D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. " James K. Robson (51) D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. " Thomas McNab (41) D. D. Grand Master.
- R. W. " John McKechnie (1) Grand Treasurer.
- M. W. " James A. Ovas (27) Grand Secretary.
- R. W. " E. A. Braithwaite (53) Grand Registrar.
- R. W. " Rev. A. B. Baird (1) Grand Chaplain.
- W. " James Scroggie (10) As Grand Senior Deacon.
- V. W. " T. Harry Webb (1) Grand Junior Deacon.
- V. W. " John Thompson (3) As Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- V. W. " W. J. F. Robertson (1) Grand Organist.
- V. W. " Peter Hazleton (24) Grand Steward.
- V. W. " James Montgomery (35) Grand Steward.
- V. W. " Humphrey Hart (4) Grand Steward.
- R. W. " George W. Baker (10) Grand Pursuivant.
- " John McBride (3) Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1) Past Grand Master.
- M. W. " George B. Murphy (35) Past Grand Master.
- M. W. " William G. Bell (3) Past Grand Master.

M. W.	Bro. Thomas Robinson (10)	Past Grand Master.
M. W.	" Rev. Dean J. D. O'Meara (1)	Past Grand Master.
M. W.	" Corbet Locke (13)	Past Grand Master.
M. W.	" Charles N. Bell (1)	Past Grand Master.
M. W.	" James A. Ovas (27)	Past Grand Master.
R. W.	" William G. Scott (1)	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.	" John W. Harris (4)	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.	" Roderick McCuaig (7)	Past Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.	" Thomas L. Morton (11)	Past Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.	" William A. Windatt (3)	Past Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.	" George W. Baker (10)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" Willard C. Copeland (25)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" James E. Maynard (40)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" J. J. White (25)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" A. St. Clair McGregor (11)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" G. St. Clair McGregor (11)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" H. J. Eberts (10)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" H. H. Campkin (33)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" Thomas A. Cuddy (14)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" James G. Dagg (2)	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W.	" William G. Scott (1)	Past Grand Secretary.
R. W.	" Edgar W. Rugg (3)	Past Grand Registrar.
R. W.	" J. Obed Smith (1)	Past Grand Registrar.
R. W.	" Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15)	Past Grand Chaplain.
V. W.	" John C. Saul (1)	Past Grand Junior Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES.

England	M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg
Ireland	R. W. " William G. Scott	Winnipeg
Scotland	M. W. " William G. Bell	Winnipeg
British Columbia	V. W. " James A. Carley	Winnipeg
Nova Scotia	M. W. " Rev. Dean O'Meara	Winnipeg
Arkansas	R. W. " Roderick McCuaig	Port la Prairie
Connecticut	R. W. " George W. Baker	Winnipeg
District of Columbia	R. W. " G. St. Clair McGregor	Mekong
Georgia	R. W. " Thomas L. Morton	Gladstone
Illinois	M. W. " John Leslie	Winnipeg
Kansas	M. W. " James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
Louisiana	R. W. " James J. White	Winnipeg
Maine	M. W. " Robert S. Thornton	Delora
Michigan	R. W. " John McKechnie	Winnipeg

Minnesota	R. W. Bro.	Thomas W. Taylor	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	R. W. "	James E. Maynard	Boissevain
Montana	R. W. "	Herman J. Eberts.	Winnipeg.
New Jersey	R. W. "	William J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg.
New York.	R. W. "	John W. Harris	Winnipeg.
Niagara	R. W. "	Willard C. Copeland. . . .	Winnipeg.
Norfolk Island	R. W. "	James G. Dagg	Selkirk.
North Carolina	R. W. "	William A. Windatt. . . .	Winnipeg
Tennessee.	R. W. "	H. H. Campkin	Indian Head.
Ontario	V. W. "	Henry J. Pugh	Virden.
Quebec	M. W. "	Geo. B. Murphy.	Moosomin
Virginia	R. W. "	R. Hill Myers	Minnedosa.
Washington	R. W. "	William E. Hazley	Winnipeg.
West Virginia	R. W. "	William Fenwick	Alexander.
Wisconsin.	V. W. "	William Braden	Winnipeg.
Wyoming	M. W. "	Corbet Locke	Morden.

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	William G. Scott	(1)
V. W. "	John C. Saul.	(1)
W. "	Robert Muir	(1)
W. "	D. W. McDermid	(1)
M. W. "	John Leslie	(1)
R. W. "	J. Obed Smith	(1)
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V. W. "	W. E. Hazley	(3)
V. W. "	Charles E. Enderton	(3)
V. W. "	John Thompson	(3)
W. "	J. Malcolm Suttie.	(3)
M. W. "	William G. Bell.	(3)
R. W. "	William A. Windatt	(3)
W. "	David McIntosh	(3)
W. "	Andrew Schmidt	(3)
R. W. "	Edgar W. Rugg	(3)
R. W. "	Thomas W. Taylor	(4)
V. W. "	William Braden	(4)
W. "	Angus Grant	(4)
V. W. "	Humphrey Hart	(4)

R. W.	Bro. John W. Harris	(4)
R. W.	" W. J. Ptolemy	(4)
V. W.	" Hugh McCowan	(4)
R. W.	" George Davison	(7)
R. W.	" Roderick McCuaig	(7)
W.	" James T. McTavish	(8)
W.	" James Law Lawrie	(8)
R. W.	" H. J. Eberts	(10)
R. W.	" George W. Baker	(10)
V. W.	" Edmund K. Beeston	(10)
M. W.	" Thomas Robinson	(10)
W.	" Christopher Graburn	(10)
W.	" John R. Grant	(10)
R. W.	" G. St. Clair McGregor	(11)
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R. W.	" Thomas A. Cuddy	(14)
R. W.	" Rev. Andrew Chisholm	(15)
V. W.	" J. S. Brayfield	(19)
W.	" Arthur George Guy	(19)
R. W.	" Joseph M. Robinson	(19)
R. W.	" John Wemyss	(24)
V. W.	" Peter B. Hazelton	(24)
R. W.	" Willard C. Copeland	(25)
W.	" Herbert Radford	(25)
W.	" F. J. C. Cox	(25)
R. W.	" J. J. White	(25)
V. W.	" James A. Carley	(25)
M. W.	" James A. Ovas	(27)
R. W.	" Eustace Cope	(29)
W.	" John H. Anderson	(30)
W.	" R. W. McClung	(30)
W.	" Rev. N. Hewitt	(30)
W.	" Richard McKenzie	(30)
R. W.	" H. H. Campkin	(33)
M. W.	" Geo. B. Murphy	(35)
V. W.	" James Montgomery	(35)
W.	" William B. Chapman	(39)
W.	" William Henry Wilson	(40)
R. W.	" James E. Maynard	(40)
W.	" Charles A. Young	(40)

M. W.	Bro. Robert S. Thornton	(40)
R. W.	" Thomas McNab	(41)
V. W.	" Henry J. Pugh	(43)
W.	" Robert Neil	(44)
W.	" William Cairns	(49)
V. W.	" Isaac Leece	(50)
R. W.	" James K. Robson	(51)
V. W.	" William Hopkins	(52)
R. W.	" E. A. Braithwaite	(53)
R. W.	" John L. Campbell	(54)
W.	" George Stewart	(54)
R. W.	" William Fenwick	(64)
W.	" Frank Manning	(70)
W.	" Sidney P. Fream	(73)

OPENING.

■ constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the
 ■ d Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.W.
 Andrew Chisholm (15), Past Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the ad-
 tion of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by
 ✓. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), the Regulations for the
 ernment of the Grand Lodge during the time of business
 e taken as read.

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by
 ✓. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Minutes of the proceedings
 e Grand Lodge at the 25th Annual Communication, held
 e City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th days of June,
 e were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren—

It is my pleasing duty to welcome you to this, the twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. As we thus assemble around our Masonic altar let it be with gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U. for the many blessings bestowed on us during the year that has passed, and the resolve on our part to do what in us lies to advance the welfare and interests of the Craft. Brother greets brother with hearty hand clasp and cheery salutation, pleasant friendships are renewed and new ones will be formed, but in the midst of our rejoicing let us not forget those who were wont to meet with us here, but whose places to-day are vacant. Some have fallen by the way, while others have gone to new fields of labor. In the ranks of the officers of the Grand Lodge one vacancy has been made by the hand of death. V. W. Bro. F. Statham, whom I had the pleasure to appoint as G. D. of C., died on October 28th, 1900. He was a member of Moose Jaw Lodge, an enthusiastic Mason, beloved and esteemed by all who knew him.

We also miss from our number R. W. Bro. W. J. Garton, our genial and highly esteemed D. G. M., who has taken up his work in Nova Scotia. Shortly before his departure I received from him a letter requesting me to express to the brethren his regret at being unable to be present, and his pain at severing his connection with the Craft here. I am sure I voice the sentiments of all when I say that we feel his absence to be a great loss, and express the hope that the course of events may lead him back again to our circle.

THE QUEEN'S DEATH.

Since last we met together an event of the greatest importance to the British Empire, and indeed to the whole world, has occurred. Scarcely had "the Wonderful Century" closed than there passed away the great central personality with whose name the age will ever be associated—our late lamented and beloved Queen Victoria. It is not for me here to portray the many virtues which characterised her as Queen and Woman, nor to expatiate on the wonderful progress and development which have marked the long term of over sixty years, during which she wielded the sceptre of British power. Suffice it to say that the strongest testimony to the great personal influence she exerted and to the affectionate regard in which she was universally held is to be found in the manner in which all interest centred around the closing

scenes of that great life, and when the end came each one surely felt that a Presence had gone from this life, and that he mourned as for a personal friend. Yet was our sorrow untouched with regret, for the manner of her passing was as the falling of the ripe fruit, after a well-rounded life characterised by a steady devotion to the duties of the high position which she had been called to occupy.

These are the sentiments which we felt in common with all loyal and loving subjects, but for us as Free Masons the sad event had a further significance, our Queen having been closely identified with the Craft. She was the grand-daughter, daughter, mother and grandmother of Masons, and for many years was graciously pleased to act as Patroness of the several institutions maintained by the Grand Lodge of England, and ever took a deep interest in their progress; while he to whom we now owe allegiance as our Sovereign Lord — King Edward VII — was for twenty-six years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which position he has since relinquished and assumed the title, Protector of English Free Masons.

Having regard to these circumstances, at the time of Her Majesty's decease I directed our Grand Secretary to forward a message of sympathy, which he did in the following cablegram to the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of England:—

Convey to His Majesty, the Grand Master, the sincere sympathy of the Masons of the Canadian North-West in the death of our beloved Queen.

(Signed) R. S. THORNTON,
Grand Master.

In due course the following acknowledgement was received:—

27th February, 1901.

Dear Sir and M. W. Grand Master:—

I have received the commands of the King to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba His Majesty's grateful thanks for their kind and fraternal expression of sympathy with him in his great sorrow.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and M. W. G. M.,

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

This royal and gracious message I now convey to you, and through you to all Masons in this jurisdiction.

Further, I appointed a special committee to prepare an address to His Majesty the King, expressing our loyalty and tendering him our respectful congratulations on his accession to the Throne. This address will be submitted in due course.

DISPENSATIONS.

Full particulars for dispensations issued for the formation of four new Lodges and for other purposes in accordance with the Constitution will be given in the Grand Secretary's report.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.

Under this heading four cases were referred to me, viz.:—

- (1) Applicant with artificial left leg.
- (2) Applicant with artificial left arm.
- (3) Applicant with artificial foot.
- (4) Applicant minus right arm.

I gave permission to receive and act on petition in the first three cases, but withheld it in the fourth. This was in accordance with the argument on this question set forth in the annual address of M. W. Bro. Robinson, which I commend to your careful consideration. It is specially valuable, not only because of the amount of information it contains, but because it has made possible a much more liberal interpretation of this point than has formerly obtained, and has been favorably received in other jurisdictions. He quotes from the Charges of a Free Mason, as contained in our Constitution, this sentence: "No Master should take an Apprentice . . . unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and of being made a brother," and properly points out that stress should be laid on the qualifying clause, "that may render him incapable of learning the art, etc." These three men were abundantly well able to learn and use the speculative art of Masonry, and so as to obtain recognition as brothers. In the fourth case I did not care to give permission for what was too great a departure from established custom in some jurisdictions. It is pleasant to note the more liberal tendencies for which Bro. Robinson's argument has prepared the way. This, I think, is highly desirable, for if it be the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that Freemasonry regards, then a too rigid insistence on the letter of the operative law does grievous violence to the spirit of the speculative institution. He

Craft is unnecessarily deprived of the support of many who would make good members, while the man who has had the misfortune to lose a limb, perhaps in his country's service, has his misfortune aggravated by its being made a bar to membership in a society towards which he feels himself attracted.

For the sake of affording further information on this question, I would quote from correspondence I have had during the year with the late G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and one of the foremost authorities on Masonry. He writes:—

“The Grand Lodge of England has never laid down any law as to physical perfection The result is that so long as a candidate can conform to the more important of our requirements, we admit him, providing, of course, he is otherwise desirable That is broadly the principle we act upon. I can quite conceive that in England there might be a Lodge which would initiate a man without any of his four limbs, provided he had still a tongue to prove himself with, because, although he could not give the tokens, he could describe them, and I venture to think that our Grand Lodge would see nothing wrong in it. . . . Surely it is the heart we look to, and the intellect, not the person. If the latter, where shall we find a perfect man?”

COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER.

During the year no case has arisen calling for the exercise of the judicial functions of this office, thus testifying to the harmony and general good government of the Craft. But there was one case which had occurred prior to my assuming office, which fell to me to decide. A Lodge initiated a candidate when he had resided only four months within its jurisdiction instead of six, as required by the Constitution, and within four months of his rejection by another lodge, which entered a charge against the offending lodge. In the defence it was shown that the candidate had signed the petition, which states that he had not been rejected within the twelve months. The candidate explained that the petition was not read over to him, and his statement was not disputed. I directed the Grand Secretary to reprimand the offending lodge on the ground of carelessness and negligence, it being the duty of the brothers recommending the candidate, and especially of the Committee on Character, to ascertain the facts for themselves.

Mackey says: “Of all the committees appointed for the convenience of business by a lodge, there is none so important as that to which has been consigned the duty of investigating the character of a Petitioner for initiation. It is always unfortunate for the interest of

Masonry when such a committee is either ignorant of the responsibility of the task imposed on it, or is careless in performing it. When an architect is appointed to superintend the construction of a building he will, if honest and capable, inspect with the utmost care the character of every piece of material that the builders propose to use. He will make no superficial examination, nor rest satisfied with the general appearance of the stone or timber that is submitted to his inspection. He will, by a thorough and minute scrutiny, assure himself that the materials are of good quality, that they have been properly prepared, and that they will secure strength and stability to the edifice. . . . So, too, the Committee on character, when a candidate is submitted to their inspection, must pursue the same cautious and prudent course in determining whether he is or is not a stone fit for the spiritual temple. In making up their report they must not be content to say: 'We have heard nothing against this candidate; no one has come to us accusing him of crime; we therefore recommend his admission.' . . . The lodge demands for its own security something more. . . . Each member of the committee should inquire for himself, not merely whether the candidate bears a good character in the community wherein he lives, but what is his occupation, respectable or infamous? his habits, his intelligence, his disposition, his private as well as his public walk, and on this and any additional information like this derived from such an inquiry, they should found their report."

I have referred at length to this matter in the expectation that the resolution of last year requiring the Grand Master's address to be read in all Lodges is to become a permanent regulation, and that these and other remarks will thus be brought directly before the members of several lodges.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Finding it, as all my predecessors have done, an impossibility to visit any but a very few points in this vast jurisdiction, I ventured to try to carry out the scheme of Lodges of Instruction, which has been more than once suggested from this chair. Accordingly, in the fall of last year, I wrote to the several D. D. G. M.'s, and after much correspondence a list of meetings was made out. The plan was to hold a central meeting in each Masonic district, the selection of the place of meeting and all details being made by the D. D. G. M.'s, the fixing of dates being left to myself, so that I could travel from place to place successively. The programme of meetings was as follows:—

Manitou—(District No. 4)	Dec. 26th, 1900.
Winnipeg—(District No. 1)	Dec. 27th, 1900.
Brandon—(District No. 6)	Dec. 28th, 1900.
Moosomin—(District No. 8)	Dec. 29th, 1900.
Edmonton—(District No. 9)	Dec. 31st, 1900.
Calgary—(District No. 9)	Jan. 1st, 1901.
Lethbridge—(District No. 10)	Jan. 3rd, 1901.
Regina—(District No. 8)	Jan. 4th, 1901.
Holland—(District No. 3)	Jan. 7th, 1901.
Portage la Prairie—(District No. 2)	Jan. 8th, 1901.
Minnedosa—(District No. 5)	Jan. 9th, 1901.

This programme was carried out exactly as arranged, except in the case of Regina. A delayed train threw me out of that engagement to my great disappointment. I also regret having been unable to include Prince Albert (District No. 7), because of inconvenient time tables. In addition I attended a joint meeting of lodges at Hartney on April 30.

As to the success attending these meetings, and the resulting benefits, let others speak. All were largely attended, and nearly every lodge in the jurisdiction was represented at one or other of the meetings. For myself, the tour was a liberal education, and I can never forget the generous hospitality and warmth of welcome accorded to me. At each meeting I delivered an address dealing with the history, ritual and symbolism of Masonry, and from the close attention given and many enquiries made, it seemed I had touched on a topic on which information was wanted. The Grand Secretary and myself have received numerous inquiries about books, and some lodges have voluntarily established the nucleus of a lodge library.

On all hands the wish was expressed that the District Lodge of Instruction, attended by the Grand Master, might become an annual affair, and also that at our meetings of Grand Lodge one session at least be set apart as a Lodge of Instruction, and in this desire I heartily concur. It seems to me that in this country of far distances, where the opportunities of brethren meeting in fraternal converse are few, we have been missing a splendid opportunity in devoting such a representative gathering as this to purely executive work. Arrangements could be made for one or more addresses by well-qualified brethren, and opportunity given for inquiry and discussion. So important do I think this, that I would suggest the appointment of a committee to consider the matter, and make arrangements for a Lodge of Instruction at the next annual meeting. As a step in this direction I have arranged, at the request of a large number of brethren, to give an address

this evening in continuation of the subjects dealt with by me at the meetings held in the winter.

PRACTICAL MASONRY.

There is one other matter to which I feel reference should be made, namely, the finances of the Craft. While many lodges are acquiring halls of their own and furnishing them properly, it is nevertheless unfortunately true that the average lodge is not as careful of its resources as it ought to be, and it is sometimes true that it is easier to raise \$100 for a ball or banquet than for some benevolent purpose. This is not because the brethren are not ready and willing to fulfil their obligations in this respect, for I am convinced that of all the teachings of Masonry, the lesson most thoroughly taken to heart is the one taught at the N. E. angle of the lodge, but because of the lack of systematic and organised effort. While Masonry is not a benevolent society in the usual sense of the term, yet since calls are frequently made on us, it is only the part of wisdom to adjust our finances on a business basis so as to meet these easily as they arise. Each Lodge should, therefore, set aside part of its finances as a relief fund and arrange for a regular addition to the same.

What applies to the individual lodge in this respect applies also to the Grand Lodge. In connection with almost every Grand Lodge there is an institution which is the living embodiment of Masonic principles, usually taking the form of a Masonic Home. Three years ago this Grand Lodge endorsed the formation of a fund for a similar purpose. During the year there has been only one addition to this fund—an amount collected at the Lodge of Instruction at Manitou, on which occasion the box was placed on the altar and each brother contributed. If on the occasion of our festival meetings this were done in every Lodge, a large sum would quickly accumulate, and there could be no more appropriate time for such an effort. In England the funds are chiefly raised by Masons becoming subscribing members, paying a certain sum in each year from half a crown (60 cents) upwards, and the results are excellent.

I mention these points by way of suggestion, but whatever methods may be adopted, I would commend this question to the earnest consideration of Masons and Lodges, in order to have arrangements made for systematic additions to this fund, so that when the day of necessity comes, as come it surely will, we may be prepared to meet it. We owe it to ourselves, having put our hands to the plow, to make the scheme a success.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me thank the many brothers on whom at various times I have called for assistance and advice, special recognition being due to our Grand Secretary, Bro. Ovas, whose knowledge and experience materially relieved the duties of the Grand Master.

We meet to-night at an historic point in our career. This is the first Grand Lodge meeting in the new century, and with us, as with others, the question is: "What will the century bring forth?" Centuries are made up of just ordinary days like to-day and yesterday. As the days are, so will the century be. If the century is to be great, its days must be great, and we must make them so. In all the details which go to make a successful organization—regular attendance, thorough work, intelligent knowledge of the history and development of the institution, careful scrutiny of new applicants, but above all, in the genuine practice of the teachings of our noble science and royal art—may we so act that when the work of this and succeeding years is passed in review the verdict shall be, "That the builders of these days did build well."

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. THORNTON,

Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

ADDRESS TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee appointed to prepare an address to His Majesty the King, beg to submit the following:—

To the King's Most Gracious Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty:—We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, members of the Fraternity known as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now in annual assembly, desire to humbly express the profound sorrow with which we learned of the

death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to convey to you our sincere and fraternal sympathy. As Masons we ever rejoiced that her late Majesty was a most gracious and generous patroness and supporter of our Order, and encouraged the observance of its teachings and principles by allowing her children to become members of it, and to take upon themselves high offices, which greatly tended to the benefit and advantage of the fraternity. We long realized in her the symbol of unity of our Empire and that her labor was continually spent in studying the best interests and welfare of her subjects. Thus she evidenced her belief in the reciprocal rights and duties of Sovereign and subject and that true happiness came to her from "Her Throne, broad based upon her people's will."

We further beg to tender to you our loyal congratulations on your succession to the Throne. We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may extend to you the happiness of a prolonged life, the blessings of peace, and that you may further witness the continued happiness and prosperity of your subjects, feeling confident that their well-being will be as dear to your heart as to that of your illustrious mother, and be enhanced by your gracious and beneficent rule.

As members of our Ancient Fraternity, we have learned with much thankfulness that you will be pleased to accept the position of Protector of English Masons. We can join with our English brethren in paying tribute to the great services which you have rendered the Craft, and we feel that the manifold agencies for good associated with Freemasonry all over the British Empire are very much indebted to your fostering care and Patronage.

THOS. ROBINSON (Chairman),
D. J. GOGGIN.
H. LANG,

Committee.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), and Resolved, That the Address to His Majesty the King, as read, be accepted and approved.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), and resolved, That the Address to His Majesty the King, as approved by Grand Lodge, be suitably engrossed and forwarded through the proper channel.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

In presenting my report as to the condition of the Lodges in the First Masonic District and of my official acts during the past year, I desire, first, to express regret that circumstances arose which made it impossible to visit some Lodges, and, secondly, to acknowledge the kind and courteous reception accorded me on every occasion.

My official acts, other than visits to Lodges, were of meagre character, and need no direct reference. During the year I took opportunity to visit the Lodges in the city as frequently as possible, generally in an informal manner, though official visitations were made to Ancient Landmark, No. 3; St. John's, No. 4; and Northern Light, No. 10; as also to Emerson, No. 6; King Solomon, No. 8, at Morris, and East Star, No. 55, at Gretna.

I need make no comment on the character of the work and enthusiasm of the Craft in Winnipeg—both are well known—but I must compliment the officers at Morris and Gretna on the manner in which candidates were passed to the second degree, that work being in progress at both Lodges on the occasion of my visits.

When at Emerson the Lodge gave tangible expression to its appreciation of the services of R. W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton, who has since left the Province in response to a call to work in Nova Scotia. As is well known to members of the Grand Lodge, the R. W. Bro. is an active, earnest and helpful craftsman, and his influence is made manifest in the enthusiasm and proficiency of the officers and members of Emerson Lodge. There also was present a number of brethren from Pembina, North Dakota, and St. Vincent, Minnesota, who crossed the line to join in the expression of "God speed" to R. W. Bro. Garton.

"The Lodges in the District are in a healthy and stable condition; the city the Blue Room of the Temple has been greatly improved, nearly \$2,000 having been spent in perfecting the furnishings of the chamber, making it an attractive and pleasant place for members of the Craft. The financial returns of the several Lodges present a most satisfactory aspect, particularly that of King Solomon (Morris), which shows a considerable sum of money to its

credit, and other assets aggregating nearly \$1,000. The Emerson and Stonewall Lodges own the buildings in which their respective halls are located, and all the other Lodges have comfortable quarters, well equipped in the implements of the Craft for impressive presentation of the lectures and work of the degrees.

On occasions of my visits I was always accompanied by some present or past officer of the Grand Lodge, but Bro. R. Magness, of Northern Light Lodge, was one of my companions on every trip, showing his great interest in the welfare of Masonry.

With my predecessors, I have realized the fact of many non-affiliants in the District. When I ask, "Why are not these brethren identified with some Lodge " various replies are elicited, but no satisfactory solution of the problem. The most frequent excuse given me was that, having occupied the several offices in the gift of a Lodge, the brethren lose interest in the Craft. If this be the primary reason, then there must be a lack of conception of the true aim and motive of Freemasonry. There may not be offices for all, but there is certainly work for all. The true work of a Mason is in the practice of the teachings of the symbolic tools and precepts of the lectures. In this there is opportunity of participation for every member, and no one can boast of a higher work in life than helping some young person to grasp the sublime truths of Masonic teachings and leading him to assimilate and develop a symmetrical character.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. W. TAYLOR,
D. D. G. M., First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows:—

That during the past year I visited officially all the Lodges in this District once and some of them twice, but was unable to pay a second visit to all, much as I would have liked to.

In all cases where I saw degree work it was creditably done, and the books of the Secretaries in all cases were well and neatly kept.

The District as a whole is in good financial condition, and while there has been no great rush of work, it is probably to the best interest of the Craft that progress in this direction should be slow, with due attention paid to the quality of the candidates.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7.—On the occasion of my first official visit to this Lodge, on October 17th, I had the pleasure of dedicating their new Lodge room, and must congratulate this Lodge on having the finest and best equipped Lodge room in the District. I also saw the M. M. degree conferred on a candidate by R. W. Bro. Davidson in a very creditable manner. The books of this Lodge are very well kept. On the occasion of my second visit at the District Lodge of Instruction on January 8th, the M. W. Grand Master was present. The first degree was exemplified by Carberry Lodge, the second by Gothic Lodge, and the third by Assiniboine Lodge. While all the work was creditably done, the work of V. W. Bro. Speed in the East in the second degree was certainly the best rendered work I have seen in the District. I think all present were very much impressed with the excellent address delivered by the M. W. the G. M., and think that his principle of visiting all the Districts and on the occasion of their Lodges of Instruction cannot be too highly commended. This Lodge is in excellent financial condition and has a large membership but only a fair percentage of attendance, but through the efforts of the officers a system of Lodge instruction by means of asking and answering questions bearing on the Craft is being adopted, which I trust will have the best results. At the conclusion of the Lodge of Instruction the brethren were entertained at a banquet given by the members of Assiniboine Lodge.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.—I visited this Lodge on December 3rd, and found a fair number of brethren present. The E. A. degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., T. L. Morton, and the officers of the Lodge in a very satisfactory manner. The books are well kept, and the Lodge has a small cash balance.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.—I visited this Lodge on December 12th. There was a good attendance and the M. W. degree was worked by the officers of the Lodge very well indeed. Although there is a large arrearage of dues, this Lodge is in splendid financial condition with the best of prospects. Good attendance and active and enthusiastic officers. The examination of the candidate on this occasion was the best I have heard and speaks well for the thoroughness of the Lodge officers.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29.—I visited this Lodge officially on August 8th. Though it has been a very quiet year with this Lodge, meetings

are regularly attended and the officers are active. There is a small cash balance and the books are well and neatly kept.

Temple Lodge, No. 49. — I visited this Lodge on January 9th. There was no degree work and the opening and closing was fairly well done by the newly-elected officers. The books are well kept and the Lodge has a good cash balance. This is the only Lodge in the District with its hall devoted exclusively to Masonry.

Vermillion Lodge, No. 68.—There was no meeting of this Lodge on the occasion of my visit, owing to many of the officers being out of town. The books are well kept and there is plenty of work on hand. The brethren are to be congratulated on securing new and commodious Lodge rooms. As I was unable to be present at their dedication, I instructed W. Bro. R. C. Brown to act for me and conduct the necessary ceremonies.

Gothic Lodge, No. 75.—This Lodge, the youngest in the District, has made the best showing of any. The work is very well done, the books are very well kept, officers and members enthusiastic and has increased from 10 to 18 members during the year, the record for the District. On the occasion of my first official visit, August 13th, I constituted the Lodge and paid it another official visit on January 7th. The prospects of this Lodge are very good.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me by electing me their D. D. G. M. and for their uniformly courteous treatment, and would bespeak a continuance of the same for my successor, who, I trust, will see fit to continue the Lodge of Instruction. I think that great benefit would result in the institution of a Grand Lecturer and also of Lodge libraries. There is much to be read and learned of Masonry, far more than can be done by attending Lodge once a month and going through the work well, which seems, unfortunately, to be the limit of many Masons' interest and aspirations.

Fraternally submitted,

EUSTACE COPE,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

To *the M. W. Grand Master*

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I beg leave to submit the following report of official visits to Lodges in the Third Masonic District, viz.:—

Shiloh Lodge, No. 70.—Acting under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I visited Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, on the 8th of August, 1900, at that time under dispensation. I instituted said Lodge and installed the officers. Found Lodge working in harmony and condition of Lodge good. The attendance was large and members interested in their work. Lodge room is well lighted and furnished, in fact, one of the best in District No. 3. This was the only visit made to this Lodge, as it is not conveniently situated.

Holland Lodge, No. 63.—Visited Holland Lodge on April 3rd, 1901, officially, and have visited it several times unofficially during the year, with other members of Treherne Lodge, No. 51. These visits have tended to strengthen Masonry very materially throughout the jurisdiction of both Lodges. This Lodge has a large membership, is in strong financial condition, harmony is good and work of Lodge excellent. On the 7th of January the M. W., the Grand Master, held a Lodge of Instruction in Holland Lodge for District No. 3, Treherne Lodge putting on the first degree. The lecture given by the M. W., the G. M., was much appreciated by the brethren present, and is still spoken of as the clearest exposition of the various signs and symbols of the three degrees of Masonry they have heard. Owing to illness I was unable to be present, but had the pleasure of hearing the lecture in the Lodge room at Portage la Prairie on the 8th.

Treherne Lodge, No. 51.—Visited this Lodge officially on May 3rd. This Lodge has shown a marked improvement since the Lodge of Instruction held in Holland on January 7th, the officers being able to put on the three degrees as well as any Lodge in this jurisdiction. Four candidates have been raised to the sublime degree of M. M. during the year. Members are working in harmony, finances of the Lodge are in good shape, books well kept and prospects fair for increased membership.

Oakland Lodge, No. 9.—Visited Oakland Lodge, No. 9, on the 16th of April. This Lodge has a membership of 53, the largest in the jurisdiction. Lodge is in good financial condition, books well kept, and membership increasing. One candidate was initiated into the first

degree of Masonry and one candidate passed to the Fellowcraft degree. Work was well done, the lecture given by the Senior Warden being exceptionally well rendered.

Glenboro Lodge, No. 48.—I have tried several times to arrange for a meeting with this Lodge and failed. This Lodge has a membership of 39, but is in a dormant condition. Individual members of this Lodge with whom I have conversed are still loyal members of the Craft and very anxious to retain their charter, hoping before long to get Lodge affairs in shape. With this feeling in existence, I would not like to advise the taking away of their charter. I am satisfied a visit from the M. W., the Grand Master, or the Grand Secretary would straighten matters up.

Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67.—Their Lodge was destroyed by fire, with all their books and furniture, and up to date have not been able to hold a meeting. The Secretary informs me their paraphernalia is on the way, and they will soon be in working shape again.

Suggestions by the M. W., the Grand Master, and experience gained in visiting that Masonry would be more educative and secure a larger average attendance at regular meetings, if each Lodge had the nucleus of a library in connection with their Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. K. ROBSON,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District respectfully reports as follows:—

That, acting under instructions from you, I duly constituted Crystal Lodge.

That I was unavoidably absent from the institution of Napinka Lodge (through illness).

That at your request I called a meeting of the several Lodges of this District, for the purposes of instruction, at Manitou on the 26th of

December. The brethren were very much pleased with the work as exemplified by W. Bro. Leece and the very instructive address by yourself. M. W. Bro. Locke and other brethren present. I have no hesitation in recommending that a Lodge of Instruction be held annually in this District, as one cannot help noticing the good results of it in visiting the different Lodges that take part in or attend.

That during the year I have visited all the Lodges in the District, and find that the Lodges are all in a very good condition, and that the officers (with few exceptions) do their work well, and that the work done in the District is uniform. The financial condition of the District is good.

That Crystal Lodge, No. 71, is making good progress. They have just moved into a new hall and the members are very enthusiastic. This new Lodge is well able to take care of itself.

That I was particularly well pleased with the progress made by Japinka Lodge since its formation, and by the morale of the membership and the work done by the officers, and can confidently recommend them for a Charter.

That there has been an increase in the membership during the year, and two deaths reported.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness shown me by yourself, M. W. Sir, and the brethren of the District, and also to thank them for the honor they conferred on me by electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. for the Fourth District.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. R. FOLEY,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

I regret very much that I am unable to make a report upon Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District, for which I was appointed D. D. G. M. last year. I expected to have been able to visit all the Lodges in the District before leaving Manitoba, and I had made arrangements to do my visiting in the months of November and December, but was

greatly disappointed when I learned that it was necessary for me to move to British Columbia sooner than I had intended.

I might say that, along with a number of the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, officially on their regular communication in October. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition financially and is increasing in numbers rapidly. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Peplow in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and an active interest in Masonry appears to be taken by the brethren.

I was a regular attendant at Prince of Wales Lodge up till the time I left Manitoba. I did not pay the Lodge an official visit, but I am pleased to report this Lodge in excellent shape. The officers are well skilled and enthusiastic Masons, and I am sure they will maintain the excellent reputation which the Lodge has enjoyed in the past.

In conclusion, I can only again express my regret at not being able to give the Lodges in the District that attention which any person should do, and I assure you it is not through lack of interest in Masonry on my part, but wholly through force of circumstances, that I have been unable to do so.

Faternally submitted,

THOS. H. JACKSON,

D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I have the honor to present my report of the general condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

During the year all the Lodges in the District were visited, as follows:—

Composite Lodge, Alexander, November 1; Glenwood Lodge, Souris, November 2; Elkhorn Lodge, Elkhorn, November 5; Lebanon Lodge, Virden, November 6 and May 28; Oak Lodge, Oak Lake, December 6; Brandon Lodge, Brandon, January 8 and February 12; Hartney Lodge, Hartney, April 30.

Composite Lodge, No. 64.—On the occasion of my official visit to this Lodge I was accompanied by W. Bro. H. H. Goulter, P. M., of Lebanon Lodge, whose assistance in the visitation of this and other Lodges was greatly appreciated. Composite Lodge is in a satisfactory

condition. There were fourteen members present, W. Bro. Dickson in the East. Opening and closing ceremonies were conducted properly and business was dispatched in a businesslike way. There were no candidates for degrees. The Lodge books are in a satisfactory condition.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27.—Glenwood brethren are to be congratulated upon having distinctly the best Lodge room, the most pleasantly and tastefully furnished in this District. There were fourteen members present, W. Bro. Taylor, W. M., presiding. There were no degrees conferred on the evening of my visit. Opening and closing ceremonies were very fair. The Secretary's books are well kept.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.—Three Past Masters, Bro. Pugh, Bro. Goulter and Bro. Trumbell, of Lebanon Lodge, accompanied me in visiting this Lodge and rendered great assistance by practical and thoughtful addresses. W. Bro. Hanna occupied the Master's chair. Routine work is well done here. The time was spent in the election of officers, followed by a lively discussion of some questions of Masonic law and usage. The Secretary's books are properly kept.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 4.—This is the youngest Lodge in the District. Ten members were present on the date of my visit, W. Bro. Cushing in the chair. The opening exercises were performed with a fair degree of accuracy. I have no doubt that in the work of the Lodge and in the dispatch of business the officers will soon acquire proficiency. The books are not well kept. I conferred the second degree on a candidate.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19.—This is, of course, the largest Lodge in the District. W. Bro. Halpin is Master. I visited this Lodge twice and saw several degrees conferred in an excellent manner. The Lodge is increasing in numbers and interest, and financial affairs are satisfactory. The Secretary's work is most satisfactory.

Hartney Lodge, No. 52.—I found everything prosperous in Hartney Lodge. There are forty-two members, with an average attendance of nearly twenty. The Grand Master was present on the occasion of my official visit and delivered an instructive address. The work done in this Lodge is creditable.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.—W. Bro. Holmes, W. M. I visited this Lodge twice. Excellent work is done in opening and closing ceremonies and conferring degrees. The Lodge is prosperous. I regret to say that the Secretary's books are not well kept.

The Third Annual Lodge of Instruction for this District was held at Brandon, December 28th, and an excellent programme of work was

carried through successfully. At the last moment other duties called me away from the District, and I was unable to be present. The Grand Master was present and delivered his address on Symbolism. This address has helped greatly in stimulating thought and discussion, and has evoked a great deal of interest in Masonic lore generally. The value to the Craft of these Lodges of Instruction in stirring up interest in the philosophy, history and laws of the institution must be apparent to every one. Perhaps not less important and valuable is the social and fraternal side, which has always received due attention at these meetings.

Harmony prevails throughout this District. Progress is undoubtedly being made. From the character of those who seek and gain admission to our ranks comes the promise of the continued usefulness of the Order. I am pleased to be able to report that earnest efforts are being put forth to acquire Masonic knowledge. The younger members naturally try to become well skilled in the liturgical part of Lodge work. Older members endeavor to inform themselves upon the interesting legal and ethical as well as the historical and legendary matters in which Masonry is so rich. Some of the Lodges exhibit a most commendable desire to extend their knowledge of what is being done and said in Masonry outside of our Lodge rooms, and also by the purchase of some standard works on Masonry. Glenwood and Lebaron Lodges have made good progress in this direction. It is gratifying to note that an increasingly large number of Masons are aiming at something higher in Masonic knowledge than mere mechanical accuracy in ritualistic work.

I do not find that much progress is being made in writing up the history of the formation and development of the Lodges in the books provided for that purpose. It might be well to secure the performance of this important duty by the enactment of a rule to be rigidly enforced. The other books are, usually, well kept. In one, instance, however, I noticed that no auditors' report appeared in the minute book on the date provided by the by-laws, except in 1896.

The work of the principal officers is usually well done. That of the subordinate officers is not always well done. This is to be regretted, as the effect of a ceremony may be greatly marred by inefficiency on the part of an inferior officer.

Fraternally submitted,

S. E. LANG,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, I respectfully beg to report as follows:—

In obedience to your instructions, and by the authority with which you were pleased to invest me, I proceeded on the 8th day of August last to Duck Lake and constituted, in form, the brethren of Duck Lake Lodge, U. D., into a regular Lodge, under the name of Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72; installed all the officers, with the single exception of the Junior Warden, who was unavoidably absent on a visit to Ontario, and consecrated the Lodge in due and ancient form.

In the accomplishment of this interesting and responsible task my thanks are very specially due to R. W. Bro. H. U. Bain, M. D., and R. W. Bro. T. J. Agnew, of Kinistino Lodge, and R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh, of Regina, who very kindly accompanied me from Prince Albert and afforded me such valuable assistance as enabled me to carry out your instructions in a manner which I have reason to believe to have been both satisfactory and impressive. Other brethren would willingly have accompanied me from Prince Albert were it not that it involved the loss of two full days, in addition to the expense. This was due to the fact that we are only provided with a semi-weekly train service, and this unfortunate circumstance has prevented me thus far from paying another visit to that Lodge, which I desired very much to do.

On the occasion of said visit I found the records of the Lodge very neatly and properly kept by a competent Secretary.

At the conclusion of the ceremony above mentioned the brethren of Duck Lake Lodge, very kindly entertained us at a banquet in the Queen's hotel, where we were treated with the kindest hospitality. They appear to be imbued with a true Masonic spirit, and I have reason to believe they will prove themselves worthy of our ancient and honorable traditions. I have no doubt that there is a prosperous future in store for this new and enterprising Lodge.

It was not considered necessary for me to visit Battle Lodge, No. 38, of Battleford, as owing to circumstances regrettable in themselves, but over which the resident members had no control, they found it necessary to make a voluntary surrender of their Charter, which is now in the possession of your Grand Lodge.

Being myself a member of Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, and a regular attendant upon its regular Communications, my official visits thereof

were of a purely formal nature. My first official visit to this Lodge was on the occasion of the Festival Communication held on the 27th December last, when it was my privilege to formally install the office elect. I again made an official visit to this Lodge on the 5th day of April, on which occasion I made a careful inspection of the records of the Lodge and was pleased to find them properly kept by a careful and painstaking Secretary. The Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition, the work is well performed and the degrees are conferred upon candidates in an impressive manner. The very irregular attendance of its members is, however, a very serious drawback. Some of them, indeed, seldom attend at all. Out of a membership of 56 the average attendance upon its communications being only 18. This is certainly deplorable, but how to remedy the evil is a problem that I am at present unable to solve; and I can only account for it upon the assumption that the delinquent members fail to appreciate or comprehend the grand moral principles symbolized in our beautiful, impressive and instructive ritual, or to realize the gravity of the solemn obligation voluntarily assumed by each one of them in this regard. Equally regrettable is the large number of non-affiliates for which there appears to be no available remedy, unless, indeed, the reduction of the monthly dues of 50 cents to a more moderate charge should have the desired effect, and I have reason to believe that it would, in some instances, at least. At present, however, any such reduction would appear to be impracticable.

I have to express regret, Most Worshipful Sir, that in the course of your visiting tour throughout your jurisdiction you were unable to extend your visit to this District, for, I have no doubt that a visit from you would be productive of much good in stimulating Masonic interest among us. In your absence I had reason to expect a visit from another Most Worshipful Brother, named by you as your substitute, but for some reason or other we were again disappointed.

In conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master, and for the very cordial, hospitable and fraternal greetings with which I have been received and welcomed in the Lodges under my jurisdiction.

I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office as effectively as my humble ability and my public avocation permitted, and, I trust, in such a way as to merit the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McTAGGART,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic District,
truly report as follows:—

before starting upon my report on the several Lodges in my
ion during my term of office, I desire to premise such report
in confessions of fault, and, no doubt, Masonic neglect on my
was not until I came to draw up this my report, that I dis-
how imperfectly I had understood the duties appertaining to
e of District Deputy Grand Master, as well as the obligations
g thereto. Happened how it might, I had looked upon such
s being more or less formal functions to be performed at one's
convenience by reason of which misconception of duty I de-
making my visits till the latter portion of my year of service,
precluding me from visiting four of the Lodges in my Dis-
further, the data that I should have secured to enable me to
frame my report to you, Most Worshipful Sir, I find I omit-
tain "Mea Culpa," and pray indulgence on the score of my
ience and youthfulness in the Craft.

visited the following Lodges on the dates set opposite their re-
names:—

- . 35, Moosomin Lodge, Moosomin, January 29, 1901.
- . 34, Qu'Appelle Lodge, Qu'Appelle Station, May 26, 1901.
- . 26, Moose Jaw Lodge, Moose Jaw, May 16, 1901.
- . 33, Indian Head Lodge, Indian Head, May 31, 1901.
- . 23, Wascana Lodge, Regina, June 4, 1901.
- . 61, North-West Mounted Police Lodge, Regina, June 6, 1901.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.—On the occasion of my official visit to
dge, we had the distinguished honor of the presence of the M.
nd Master. It was likewise the occasion of the installation of
ster of the Lodge, W. Bro. Ellis. A second and a third degree
emplified, and the work was satisfactory. The Lodge books
dge room are to be commended.

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.—Keen interest is taken by the brethren
Lodge in Masonry. While it has a large membership on its
7), yet the average attendance during the past year was 15, and
occasion of my visit there were 17 present. The discrepancy
n membership and average attendance is accounted for by the

class of occupation of a majority of its members, namely, railroaders, and whose calling necessitates frequent removals of more or less extended periods. I saw the third degree conferred by W. P. M. Bro. Fisher in a very satisfactory manner. Their books were being properly kept.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34.—There has been a reawakening in Masonic matters in this Lodge, and the inertia existing therein for some time past is represented to me to have disappeared. The attendance on my visit was good. Their Lodge room is conveniently furnished. An excellent third degree was conferred on a brother by W. P. M. Waite. The Lodge is ruled by W. Bro. the Rev. Archdeacon Sargent, who reported good prospects for Masonry in the locality. I examined the books and found them in order.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33—W. Bro. Dr. Kemp rules this Lodge and on the occasion of my visit gave the Sublime Degree in excellent style. The reputation of this Lodge and its officers for suitability and efficiency is too well known for me to say much in the matter. A very much-to-be-commended system of reading prepared papers on Masonic subjects and points, and having open discussions thereon, prevails in this Lodge. On all occasions I have ever urged and recommended to other Lodges an adoption of such meritorious example.

The books were well kept and Lodge room convenient. The officers and members of this Lodge promise to make it the foremost Lodge in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

Wascana Lodge, No. 23—W. Bro. Dr. Low, the Master, is working up enthusiasm among the members, and from what I saw and heard on my visit, I am sure things Masonic will mend with this Lodge. I may further say I came away most agreeably disappointed with the outlook. Here I saw a second degree conferred by W.P.M. Marshall. The work was well done. I examined the books and found them properly kept.

North-West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61—Like unto Moose Jaw Lodge, the N.W.M.P. Lodge is practically composed of members whose residence at any one point for a given time, is beyond their individual control. Surprise, therefore, should not be felt on learning that she has been lying practically dormant during the past year. Another cause of this condition was, no doubt, the fact of many of its members being absent fighting our country's battles in South Africa.

During the last month the Lodge has been reorganized. I found books in good shape. The W. Master, Sergeant Haines, is making every possible effort to rebuild the Lodge.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32 — I failed to visit this Lodge, having missed connections for the fixed date of my proposed visit. However, seized the opportunity on meeting the secretary thereof, Bro. Proctor, P.D.D.G.M., a few days ago, to enquire into the affairs of the Lodge and Masonic matters in its territory. He related Masonic matters and interests to be in good order at Fort Appelle, and that the good record of the Lodge in all respects being kept up, though increase of membership slow. I was pleased to read of one of its P. Masters, W. Bro. Elkington, taking interest in the craft at Dawson City, Y.T.

Wolseley and Evening Star Lodges—I was unable to visit either these Lodges, having delayed fixing dates too late in my year. I received good reports, however, of Masonry from Evening Star Lodge.

I understand that Wolseley Lodge is not progressing very much. They have not been able to increase their membership, consequently the burden of keeping up the Lodge falls heavily upon the members.

Yorkton Lodge, No. 69—Though in my district, the facilities of which make it more convenient to be visited by the D.D.G. Master of District No. 5. It would consume more than a week's time for me to have visited it. I therefore reported the facts and suggested I be relieved of that duty.

Waskia Lodge, No. 47—This being my mother Lodge and of which I am an active member, I did not deem it necessary to pay an annual visit thereto. The present Master is W. Bro. R. Street. I have seen him governing his Lodge as well as giving a Degree (the 3rd) and can safely say that he is doing profitable work. The Secretary's books are well kept. The Lodge room here is very inconvenient and, in fact, most unsuitable. As you are doubtless aware, their former Lodge room was burnt and some furniture damaged. Arrangements, however, have been completed for a more suitable room in new stone Town Hall here, and the brethren expect to enter into possession in the course of a month now. Masonic interest is on the increase in this locality, if one may judge from statistics alone.

Throughout my district I can safely say that Masonry is progressing. Acts of true Masonic principles have not been infrequent from my personal knowledge. I may say that in all my visits after that

of Moosomin Lodge, above mentioned, I endeavored, in my feeble way, to impress each Lodge on the following points:—

- a. The responsibility in proposing candidates.
- b. The responsibility of the Masonic ballot, not merely to the Subordinate Lodge immediately interested, but to the Craft at large.
- c. The time test for Masonic promotion, and
- d. The non-sectarianism of Masonry (Craft).

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

A. B. GILLIES,

D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District

June 11, 1901.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report and tabulated statement of the Ninth Masonic District, and I can assure you that it affords me much pleasure to state that I feel quite confident that this district will compare favorably with any in your jurisdiction for enthusiasm, consequent prosperity and efficiency in work.

As you will see by the tabulated statement sent you, there has been a very marked increase in the roll of membership of most of the Lodges, and I have no hesitation in saying that the material brought up will prove a credit to the workmen.

My first official act was the constitution and dedication of Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, under their charter, also the installation of the officers of that Lodge on August 14th, A.D. 1900. A large number of the brethren of Red Deer and sister Lodges were present. I was accompanied by W. Bro. F. F. Higgs, P.M. Bro. C. P. Marker, S.W. of Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary; also Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin, Chaplain of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, all of whom very kindly assisted me in the ceremonies.

On the 13th of October I instituted Victoria Lodge, U.D., at Fort Saskatchewan. The Lodge room at that point was recently

built by the proprietor of the Mansion House Hotel, and is very neatly fitted up with the necessary furniture and paraphernalia. I am deeply indebted to the following brethren, who at considerable loss of time and some expense, accompanied me to Fort Saskatchewan, a distance of 25 miles, which made the double journey all the more pleasant, namely:—R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Registrar; W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg, P.M.; Bros. J. H. Morris and J. C. Dowssett, of Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton; and Bro. R. Lloyd, of Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary. I have to thank them for the able assistance they rendered me in the ceremonies.

I have much pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted Victoria Lodge.

I also instituted Jasper Lodge, U.D., Edmonton, on the 15th October, A.D. 1900. At that time meetings were held in the hall occupied by Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, but they now occupy more central and comfortable rooms, used for Masonic purposes only, to which they have recently removed. A number of brethren from No. 53 Lodge, Edmonton, and Acacia, No. 66, Strathcona, were present, and I had the benefit of their assistance in the institution ceremony.

I would recommend that a charter be granted this Lodge also.

In addition to the above duties I have visited officially each Lodge in the district during my term of office, with the exception of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, of which I am Secretary. Being a constant attendant at the meetings of that Lodge, I can testify to the correct manner in which the work has been done.

One of the very pleasant duties which I was called upon to perform during my term of office was the presentation of a testimonial and a handsome P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel to R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown, at a regular mteting of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, held on the 8th of October, 1900. The presentation was made on behalf of Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, as a token of the high esteem in which the R.W. brother is held among the members of that Lodge, and was appropriately acknowledged by the recipient.

On December 27th I installed the officers of Bow River Lodge and Perfection Lodge, Calgary, and on the same occasion dedicated the new Masonic Hall in the "Victoria" Block, assisted by R.W. Bros. E. N. Brown and I.S.G. Vanwart, P.D.D.G.M.'s, V.W. Bro. A. W. R. Markley, W. Bros. F. F. Higgs, Geo. McDonald, J. G. Gordon, Geo. H. Webster and Pownall, P.M.'s. It was gratifying to note a very large number of brethren present during the ceremonies.

The Visit of the M.W. the Grand Master—A joint emergent meeting was held by Bow River and Perfection Lodges on January 1st, 1901, to welcome the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. R. S. Thornton on his official visit. He delivered a most instructive and stirring address on Freemasonry, coupled with exemplifications of the several degrees, which was greatly appreciated by all who had the privilege of listening to him, as well as to the eloquent address given by R. W. Bro. Lang, of Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Anthracite. Several sister Lodges were also represented at the meeting. The Grand Master also held a similar Lodge of Instruction at Edmonton on Dec. 31st., for the benefit of the Lodges of Northern Alberta. District No. 9 wishes herewith to place on record its high appreciation of the kind consideration of M.W. Bro. Thornton, and trust that the example set by him may be followed out by his successors in the future.

Like my predecessor, R.W. Bro. Brown, I would recommend that District No. 9 be divided. This recommendation is not made on account of the number of Lodges, but owing to the great distances which have to be covered, in a visit.

The district as at present constituted includes 10 Lodges, with a membership of 436 (four hundred and thirty-six). The distance between Banff and Fort Saskatchewan, the most widely separated points at which Lodges are held and which at the present time may be considered the extreme limits of the district, is 300 miles, or 600 miles for one round trip. If the district were divided there would be still two large areas of territory, each as large as any District Deputy should be expected to traverse (especially at his own expense). I would therefore recommend that the district be divided, say at a point midway between Innisfail and Red Deer. The Lodges would then be divided as follows:—

Central Alberta District—Bow River Lodge, No. 28; Cascade Lodge, No. 42; Innisfail Lodge, No. 58; Perfection Lodge, No. 60.

Northern Alberta District—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53; Eureka Lodge, No. 65; Acacia Lodge, No. 66; Red Deer Lodge, No. 73; Victoria, U.D.; Jasper, U.D.

Though the proposed Northern District would include the larger number of Lodges, the proposed Central District would have the larger membership. The distance from Banff to Innisfail, the extreme points in the proposed Central District, is 160 miles, and from Red Deer to Fort Saskatchewan, in the proposed Northern District, is 120 miles.

I have endeavored to fulfil the duties of the high office which was conferred on me to the best of my ability, without fear or favor, and I wish to state to Grand Lodge that Masonic District No. 9 is to be congratulated on the efficiency of the work done by its Lodges. I have had no complaints of any kind from any of the Lodges. Each and every Lodge is in a very good condition, active, harmonious and bright.

In conclusion I have to thank the brethren of the district for the many kind attentions and fraternal courtesy extended to me during my official connection with the district, and I sincerely trust that the harmony and good feeling may continue to prevail throughout the district as it exists at presnt. I wish also to thank the Secretaries of all the Lodges for prompt attention to all our official correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN DE SOUSA,
D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To ~~the~~ M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, I beg to submit the following report:—

The principle feature of the year was the holding of an Emergency Convention of the Lodges comprising this district. By special request of M.W. Grand Master (desiring to visit the brethren of the different districts in a series of general district meetings), I undertook and carried out the following arrangement, viz., an Emergency Convention was called, to be held in Masonic Hall, of North Star Lodge, No. 41, at Lethbridge, on the 3rd day of January, A.L. 5901, which, with the co-operation and able assistance of the brethren in the district, proved to be (as expressed by those attending) highly gratifying, and the best meeting ever held in the district. There were in attendance 49 members of this district, foreign visitors from Vermont, U.S.A., and from Pittsburg. Ont. Programme as follows:—Introductions, etc., 9.30, a.m. to 10.00. 10.00, a.m., North

Star Lodge, No. 41, opened in form, W. Bro. Dr. Mewburn in the East, R. W. Bro. Higinbotham in the West, and Bro. Capt. R. B. Deane in the South. Reception of the M. W. Grand Master, M.W.P. Grand Master Bro. Tweed, D.D.G.M., and several Past D.D.G.M.'s, with words of welcome to the M.W.G.M. by W. Bro. Dr. Mewburn and grand honors by the Lodge, to which the M.W.G.M. made a brief reply. Lodge then proceeded with the usual routine of business. A candidate for the F.C. degree was examined as to his proficiency and was then passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. By special request Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, delivered to the candidate, in a very able manner, the beautiful and lengthy lecture on the way to the Middle Chamber (American rite). Lodge then called from labor to refreshment. On resuming labor the Lodge was taken in charge by officers and members of Alberta Lodge, No. 37, W. Bro. Paterson in the East, R. W. Bro. Mathews in the West, and W. Bro. Gardner in the South, exemplifying the Entered Apprentice degree (Canadian rite), followed by an address by the M.W. Grand Master, in an eloquent and impressive manner, and was, without doubt, the greatest intellectual treat ever heard in this district, leaving a lasting impression on the memories of those present, and revealing the fact that many weary hours had been spent in research after Masonic information. Following was the opening of a question drawer, in which many knotty questions were propounded and satisfactorily answered by the M.W. Grand Master. Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, now assumed control, W. Bro. H. in the East, W. Bro. Kemmis in the West, W. Bro. Demster in the South, with other members, exemplified the degree of a Master Mason (Canadian rite). Short addresses were delivered by P.G. Mas at, Bro. Tweed, R.W. Bro. Finley, W. Bro. Lang, all of Medicine Hat, W. Bro. Paterson, of Alberta Lodge, and others, followed by D.D.G.M. thanking the different speakers for the many kind expressions made to himself and the members of North Star Lodge, No. 41. To say that any special praise should be given to any one Lodge for the able and efficient manner in which the different parts of the programme were carried out would only belie the expressions made by the different speakers. The meeting closed in peace and harmony at 6.30 p. m. All the members were invited to meet at 9.00 p. m., to take part in a ball and supper, given to the visiting members of North Star Lodge, No. 41. The majority of the brethren accepted all the same, and it is safe to say that from the expressions heard on the sides, none were disappointed in remaining. Thus ended a meeting which I think can be placed as "for the good and welfare of the Order. May it be repeated.

I visited all the Lodges in my district (officially) during the year. You will, however, note that I have been, in most cases, somewhat late in the season, caused partly owing to the union meeting taking up my time in the early part of the year, and later on was put off by the Lodges in general, principally owing to the smallpox epidemic, and some of the towns being under quarantine regulations.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, I visited officially Feb. 26th, and was, to say the least, disappointed at the small attendance, there being but nine present. In looking over the register I invariably found the signatures of M.W. Bro. Tweed and R.W. Bro. Finley, good examples, but not generally followed. The W. Master and officers exemplified the "E. A." degree in a proficient manner. The membership is rapidly increasing and indications point to a strong Lodge. Members should, however, endeavor to increase the attendance. Financially the Lodge stands good. Cash on hand, \$385.00. The arrearage for dues, however, is entirely too great, \$209.95 for eight members, an average of \$26.25 each. The records and books are neatly kept and up-to-date, Lodge neat and comfortable and furnishings properly insured. After my address to the members, M.W. Bro. Tweed made a few remarks in his clear and concise manner, after which the Lodge was closed and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent in the Lodge over a spread in which if the quantity was lacking cordiality was not.

Lodge membership, 61; meetings held, 17; average attendance, 13.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, I visited officially Feb. 28th. The meeting was small, seven members being present, owing to town being under quarantine. The W. Master and officers exemplified the "E.A." degree in a very creditable manner, some of the officers riding from 15 to 20 miles in order to be in attendance, which goes to show some of the material of which this young Lodge is composed. Quite a number of their members are connected with the Government and were not allowed to attend any public meeting. The records and books are correctly kept; finances show up good, only one member being in arrears, \$26.50. Cash on hand, \$273.29. Furnishings covered by insurance. After addressing the meeting, R.W. Bro. Barnwell and Bro. Dickson made a few remarks. After the Lodge closed all repaired to a near-by restaurant, where a very pleasant hour was spent, all leaving with the conviction that it was good to meet together. Lodge membership, 23; meetings held, 10; average attendance, 10.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, I visited officially May 1st. By request of the M.W. Grand Master I had the pleasure of dedicating the new Lodge, which is located in a new brick block, Lodge room being used exclusively for Masonic purposes, having a Masonic club room in connection with Lodge. Hall is not large, but sufficient for requirements and neatly furnished, and I wish to congratulate the brethren on having the only hall exclusive to Masonry (as it should be) in this district. There was a very large attendance, there being 31 members present. After the dedication ceremony the Lodge opened and "F.C." degree conferred on candidate. Work conferred in the usual good and efficient style. Books and records kept in good shape. Financially the brothers appear to go more for solid comfort than a large bank balance. Cash on hand, \$81.67. This Lodge also has too large an arrearage for dues, \$253.12 for 24 members. Furnishings fully insured. In connection with dedication of Lodge and official visit the members gave a banquet and concert to the returning South African members, of whom they have 10, only four of whom were present. I am willing to vouch for the fact that there were present many past masters in the art of entertaining, not only in the refreshment line (some are best), but also in the vocal and instrumental line, and when we parted all were pleased with the combination. Lodge membership, 64; meetings held, 12; average attendance, 11.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 46, I visited officially May 3rd. Like the other Lodges in this district, a large percentage of members reside at a distance, many coming from a distance of 18 to 26 miles, thus guaranteeing a good attendance. There being 23 members present, the W. Master and officers exemplified the "E.A." degree to a candidate, and as Spitzie is on record as being A.I. on degree work, I may say that record was adhered to. All books and records are posted in a creditable manner. Arrearage for dues is somewhat great, being 155.50 for 10 members. Lodge finances good, there being a cash balance on hand of 837.06. Lodge room is small but comfortable, and contents covered by insurance. After addressing the members, W. Bro. Hern responded, giving the brethren a few words of fatherly advice. After closing the Lodge a banquet was served in the hall, allowing introductions all round and an interchange of views on different topics, when all repaired to their couches well pleased with the evening's work and pleasures. Lodge membership, 38; meetings held, 16; average attendance, 18.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, I visited officially on May 13th. Being a member of this Lodge and a regular attendant, I am well

versed on all Lodge proceedings. When I intimated my desire to visit this Lodge officially, I was put off by the W. Master, saying a number of the members would be absent, etc., thus accounting for my late visit. More of this anon. The attendance was good; present 83 members and numerous visitors. A candidate was brought forward and the mysteries of an "E.A." conferred on him, the work being done in the usual good form, laid down by the Lodge. After the routine of Lodge business was completed the W. M. called up the brethren, proceeded to welcome me as D.D.G.M. to the Lodge of which I had long been a member, giving me a good supply of "taffy" (using a western phrase, of which our W.M. is not limited), complimenting me on the interest I had taken in the Lodge during my six years in passing through the different offices, and my regular attendance at all meetings since leaving the station in the East. I noted, however, that he was somewhat nervous in making his little speech, and attributed it to the fact that he was expecting me to "drop on him" for being the cause of delaying me in my official call to this Lodge (which I can assure you I fully intended doing). Finally, after all his "taffy" was exhausted, he stated that he regretted that some more competent brother had not been selected to perform the duties the brethren had placed upon his shoulders, that of presenting me, by the members of the Lodge, with a slight testimonial, as a token of the esteem in which I was held by the brethren, whereon he proceeded and handed to me a most elaborate and magnificent Past Master's jewel, three bar, pendant suspended, of solid gold, suitably inscribed on the back. To say that I was completely taken by surprise would be putting it "mild," although I was informed afterwards the subject had been under consideration for the past two months, not the slightest inkling had reached my ears. I am thinking the brethren lost some remarks I had in store for them (not having notes). The greater part of them had vanished, and the nervous tendencies transferred from the M.W. Master's shoulders to mine. I received the handsome jewel with many words of thanks for their kind remembrance and for the many acts of kindness shown me in the discharge of my duties in the several offices I had passed through. I then proceeded with my official address, and, as previously stated, the greater part of what I had prepared had vanished. I had even forgotten that my reports to the Grand Lodge would be late in reaching their destination. Books and records are correctly kept, arrearage for dues is somewhat large, being \$144.50 for 26 members. Cash balance not large, \$38.25. The Lodge, however, is in better condition than in years, and future prospects are bright. Lodge room is comfortable and furnishings

fully insured. Lodge closed, banquet given in hall, interspersed with music and songs. Number of members, 63; meetings held, 21; average attendance, 15.

Speaking in a general way, Masonry throughout this district is in a prosperous condition. The large arrearage for dues is caused principally by absent members, a number of whom are in South Africa, having volunteered for service when the call came, the different Lodges appear perfectly willing to carry the arrearage members, which speaks for itself.

The era of quality instead of quantity is at hand, and all new members joining the fraternity are of the better class.

Before closing I regret to have to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of our late brother, Sergt.-Major J. A. Paterson, member of North Star Lodge, No. 41, who lost his life while gallantly defending the old flag in South Africa. He was a true friend and brother, and like many more of our Masonic brethren, hesitated not to take up arms in support of our motherland when the call came. His death is deeply regretted by all the members of North Star, who are having a memorial "tablet wreath" made for the Lodge room, also one made to send to his brother, who is a member of Maple Leaf Lodge.

Finally, I wish to thank the Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge, No. 41, for his kindness in accompanying me on my visits to Medicine Hat Lodge and to Alberta Lodge.

Also my thanks to all the brethren in my district for the hearty welcome accorded and the many courtesies extended on the occasion of my official visits.

Faternally submitted,

THOMAS McNABB,
D. D. G. M., Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (42), seconded by R.W. Bro. John L. Campbell (54), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, presented his Sixteenth Annual Report, as follows:—

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EXPENDITURES.

ril 7—	Order 895—Masonic Temple	\$50 00
ril 6—	" 896—Man. Free Press Co.	100 00
ne 16—	" 897—Bulman Bros.	13 50
ne 13—	" 898—Consolidated Stat'y Co.	16 05
ne 13—	" 899—W. G. Scott.	20 08
ne 13—	" 900—G. P. Dolson	28 25
ne 13—	" 901—McIntyre Bros.	31 30
ne 13—	" 902—W. G. Scott.	46 00
ne 13—	" 903—Andrew & Co.	50 00
ne 13—	" 904—The Richardson Stat. Co.	50 30
ne 13—	" 905—W. G. Scott.	143 88
ne 26—	" 906—Jno. Bailey.	15 00
ne 26—	" 907—W. F. J. Robertson	5 00
ne 26—	" 908—Jno. Leslie	100 00
ne 26—	" 909—Mrs. A. G. Hample	50 00
ne 31—	" 910—Masonic Temple Ass'n	50 00
ne 31—	" 911—Can. Pac. Tel. Co.	16 65
ne 31—	" 912—Blank.	
ne 14—	" 913—Jas. A. Ovas	53 85

Sept. 14—Order 914—The Richardson Stat. Co..	15 00
Sept. 14— " 915—The Stovel Co... ..	183 50
Sept. 14— " 916—T. W. Taylor	12 00
Sept. 14— " 917—Consolidated Stat. Co. ..	12 45
Sept. 14— " 918—E. W. Rugg & Co. .. .	50 00
Sept. 14— " 919—H. S. Griffith	16 00
Sept. 14— " 920—Bell & Armytage... ..	39 00
Oct. 8— " 921—Jas. A. Ovas	175 00
Oct. 8— " 922—Jas. A. Ovas	50 00
Oct. 10—Exchange... ..	75
Nov. 13—Order 923—The Stovel Co... ..	3 15
Nov. 13— " 924—A. B. Cail... ..	5 00
Nov. 13— " 925—Masonic Temple Ass'n ..	50 00
Nov. 22— " 926—Jas. A. Ovas	175 00
Mar. 14— " 927—T. W. Taylor	142 00
Mar. 21— " 928—Jas. A. Ovas	84 90
Mar. 21— " 929—The Richardson Stat. Co.	122 50
Mar. 21— " 930—Masonic Temple Ass'n ..	50 00
Mar. 21— " 931—Jas. A. Ovas	175 00
Mar. 23— " 932—E. W. Rugg & Co. .. .	22 80
Mar. 29— " 933—D. R. Dingwall... ..	67 00
By balance... ..	1984 71

Total

\$4275

To balance

\$1984 7

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

To balance... ..	\$87 6
May 31—To interest... ..	8 7
Nov. 30—To Interest	8 9
To balance... ..	\$605 41

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND.

To balance... ..	\$169 32
May 11—To deposit	15 00
May 31—To interest	1 47
Nov. 30—To interest	2 55
Feb. 28—To interest	18 25
To balance	206 59

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

	To balance	\$40 81
May 31	—To interest	60
Nov. 30	—To interest	49
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		\$41 90
	To balance	\$16 90
Oct. 10	—By cash	\$25 00
	By balance	16 90
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		\$41 90

On motion of R.W. Bro. Thos. McNab (41), seconded by V.W. Bro. William Hopkins (52), the report of Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report as follows:—

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report, containing a summary of the transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and the usual number distributed, as in previous years.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause 12, Sec. 58, certificates were issued to all the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and consecrated and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz.:—

Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, at Roland, in the Third Masonic District; constituted Aug. 7th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. C. R. Foley, District Deputy Grand Master.

Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72, at Duck Lake, in the Seventh Masonic District; constituted Aug. 8th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. John McTaggart, District Deputy Grand Master.

Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, at Red Deer, in the Ninth Masonic District; constituted Aug. 14th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. John de Souza, District Deputy Grand Master.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, at Elkhorn, in the Sixth Masonic District; constituted Aug. 6th, 1900, by M.W. Bro. Dean O'Meara, District Deputy Grand Master.

Gothic Lodge, No. 75, at Austin, in the Second Masonic District; constituted Aug. 13th, 1900, by R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope, District Deputy Grand Master.

DISPENSATION CONTINUED.

The following Lodge not having worked under Dispensation a period of four months, as required by the Constitution, the M. Grand Master authorized the continuance of the Dispensation until June 1st, 1901:—

Wolseley Lodge, at Wolseley, in the Eighth Masonic District

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master, Dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued:—

Napinka Lodge, at Napinka, in the Fourth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 18th, 1900, eight charter members—W. Bro. Wm. Hopkins, W.M. Bro. Samuel A. McFetridge, Senior Warden, Bro. Vestus E. D. Casselman, Junior Warden. Instituted July 13th, 1900, by M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.

Victoria Lodge, at Fort Saskatchewan, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 18th, 1900. Six charter members. W. Bro. John M. Moran, W. Master; Bro. John F. Forbes, Senior Warden; Bro. John A. MacDonald, Junior Warden. Instituted Oct. 15th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. John de Sousa, District Deputy Grand Master.

Jasper Lodge, at Edmonton, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued Aug. 8th, 1900. Seventeen Charter members. W. Bro. John Dunlop, W. Master; Bro. Duncan C. Robertson, Senior Warden; Bro. Thomas Bellamy, Junior Warden. Instituted Oct. 15th, 1900, by R.W. John de Sousa, District Deputy Grand Master.

Yukon Lodge, at Dawson, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued Oct. 29th, 1900. Fourteen charter members. W. Bro. C. H. Wells, W. Master; W. Bro. W. V. Tukey, Senior Warden; W. Bro. M. H. Thompson, Junior Warden. Instituted Dec. 27th, 1900, by W. Bro. R. A. Cowan.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:—

June 20th, 1900—R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor, of Mekiwin, from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, vice R.W. Bro. Thos. A. Cuddy, removed from the jurisdiction.

July 19th, 1900—R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard, of Boissevain, from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, vice M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, resigned.

April 2nd, 1901—M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke, of Morden, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, vice R.W. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, removed from the jurisdiction.

Near other Grand Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, as follows:

April 10th, 1901—Bro. Robert Henry Hetherington, Past Master of "Aytlan" Lodge, No. 1, near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, vice Bro. Alexander Gibson Oliver.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the ~~past~~ year by direction of the M.W. Grand Master:—

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	For What Granted.
1900.			
June 17.	53	Edmonton . . .	To wear Masonic Clothing at Ch urch March
" 17.	67	Wawanesa . . .	" " " "
" 18.	27	Glenwood. . . .	" " " "
" 18.	6	Emerson	" " " "
" 18.	64	Composite . . .	" " " "
" 19.	36	Doric	" " " "
" 19.	49	Temple.	" " " "
" 20.	51	Treherne. . . .	" " " "
" 22.	33	Indian Head . .	" " " "
" 22.	60	Perfection. . . .	" " " "
" 28.	8	King Solomon .	" " " "
July 7.	32	Qu'Appelle Valley.	To Install Worshipful Master.
" 19.	69	Yorkton.	To wear Masonic clothing at Chu rch cl
" 28.	41	North Star . . .	" " " "
" 28.	41	Carberry	" " " "
Aug. 11.	52	Hartney.	" " " "
Sept. 13.	57	Evening Star . .	" " " "
Oct. 16.	73	Red Deer	" " " "
Dec. 18.	33	Indian Head . .	To hold special installation of office
" 22.	14	Prince of Wales.	To confer the M.M. degree within t he prescribed time.
" 24.	75	Gothic	To install the W. Master.
1901.			
Jan. 12.	68	Vermillion . . .	To hold special election and insta llation of officers.
Jan. 19.	27	Glenwood	To hold special installation of officer s
" 31.	70	Shiloh.	To wear Masonic clothing at Church —
" 31.	28	Bow River . . .	" " " "
" 31.	73	Red Deer	" " " "
" 31.	39	Birtle	" " " "
April 2.	58	Innisfail	To install the Junior Warden.
" 25.	61	N.W.M. Police.	To hold special election and instal lation of officers.
May 31.	61	N.W.M. Police.	To confer the M. M. degree within the the prescribed time.
" 31.	28	Bow River. . . .	To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. Grand Master examined, revised and approved the laws of the following Lodges, viz.—Composite Lodge, No. 64; Wood Lodge, No. 27.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. Grand Master examined and approved amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:—

Emerson, LodgeNo. 6.
Holland Lodge.. . . .No. 63.
Belmont LodgeNo. 13.
Gothic LodgeNo. 75.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Since our last Annual Communication the charter and books of the Lodge, No. 38, have been received at this office. The acceptance of same by Grand Lodge is only necessary to complete the act of surrender.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I am pleased to report that with the exception of two Lodges half-yearly returns were transmitted to this office with such a fair degree of promptness as not to cause me any great inconvenience. Two negligent Lodges above referred to are Oakland, No. 9, and Glenboro, No. 48. The December returns of Oakland, No. 9, have not yet reached this office, and Glenboro, No. 48, has so far failed to submit either June or December returns for 1900. Nor have I had any reply of any kind to any of my communications from either of these Lodges.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS ISSUED.

A duplicate charter was issued Treherne Lodge, No. 51, and one being engrossed for Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67, the originals having been destroyed by fire.

AUDITORS.

R.W. Bro. W. T. Hazley, finding it impossible to act as Auditor, M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint W. Bro. F. J. C. in his stead, who very kindly consented to discharge the duty, which kind office so cheerfully undertaken he deserves the very high thanks of Grand Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to, December 27th, 1900.

Increase.

Initiated	234
Passed	224
Raised.. . . .	232
Joined	91
Restored	18
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Total increase for the year.. . . .	343

Decrease.

Dimitted... ..	109
Died	21
Suspended N. P. D.	64
Suspended U. M. C.	2
Dropped from Honorary Membership	1
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Total decrease for the year.. . . .	197
Net gain	146
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	343
Total membership Dec. 27th, 1900	3238

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH GRAND LODGE.

Received between April 1st, 1900, and March 31st, 1901.

of Lodge.	Amount.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
Supert's	\$140 25	39.	Birtle	30 50
.. .. .	27 00	40.	Deloraine	32 75
Landmark ..	131 50	41.	North Star.. .. .	68 75
s	127 25	42.	Cascade	39 25
.. .. .	30 25	43.	Lebanon	34 50
ne	45 00	44.	Oak Lake	8 00
lomon.	53 60	45.	Spitzie.. .. .	54 80
.. .. .	16 20	47.	Ashlar	22 50
Light	67 75	48.	Glenboro.	5 00
e	24 50	49.	Temple	29 95
l	15 00	50.	Killarney	14 50
.. .. .	47 50	51.	Treherne	28 75
Wales	47 85	52.	Hartney	47 40
on	42 25	53.	Edmonton	49 05
.. .. .	58 85	54.	Oriental	11 50
.. .. .	81 95	55.	East Star	20 75
.. .. .	32 25	56.	Maple Leaf	25 25
.. .. .	42 30	57.	Evening Star	49 10
.. .. .	75 20	58.	Innisfail	32 95
aw	48 35	60.	Perfection	136 75
d	43 50	61.	N. W. M. Police .. .	10 00
er.	90 00	62.	Russell	33 85
.. .. .	44 90	63.	Holland	28 75
.. .. .	24 25	64.	Composite	35 10
Hat	66 65	65.	Eureka.. .. .	33 00
lle Valley. ..	37 50	66.	Acacia	20 00
lead	53 70	67.	Wawanesa	30 10
lle.	10 25	68.	Vermillion	38 60
in	54 40	69.	Yorkton.	30 00
.. .. .	62 70	70.	Shiloh	46 00
.. .. .	37 50	71.	Crystal	85 00
.. .. .	5 00	72.	Duck Lake	68 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
73.	Red Deer	72 40		Napinka... .. .	32 20
74.	Elkhorn.	60 50		Jasper	26 50
75.	Gothic	73 25		Yorkton	25 00
	U.D. Wolseley	39 00		Sundries	83 75
	U.D. Victoria	25 00			
					\$3323 15

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:—

1901.	Dr.	
Mar. 31—To receipts		\$3323 15
1900.	Cr.	
June 7—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		\$150 00
“ 19—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		469 00
“ 28—Cash returned to H. Galbraith. . . .		1 00
July 12—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		50 50
Aug. 9—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		39 60
Oct. 10—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		40 30
Dec. 24—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		122 00
1901.		
Jan. 31—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		60 60
Feb. 28—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		27 50
Mar. 30—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer ..		39 00
		\$3323 15

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

From April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
895	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to June 30, 1900.. . .	\$50 00
896	Manitoba Free Press Co., Grant to India Famine Fund.. . .	100 00
897	Bulman Bros. & Co., Membership Register	18 00
898	Consolidated Stationery Co., Printing	16 00
899	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	20 00

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
900	G. P. Dolsen, Printing	28 25
901	McIntyre Bros., Printing	31 30
902	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	46 00
903	Andrew & Co., Chain Collar to M.W. Bro. G. B. Murphy	50 00
904	Richardson Stat. & Mfg. Co., Binding Constitutions, etc.	50 30
905	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to June 14th, 1900	143 88
906	John Bailey, Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
907	W. F. J. Robertson, Acting as Press Reporter	5 00
908	John Leslie, Grant for Expenses	100 00
909	Mrs. A. G. Hample, Refreshments	50 00
910	Masonic Temple Ass'n, Rent to Sept. 30th, 1900	50 00
911	C.P.R. Tel. Co., Cablegram to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales	16 65
913	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	53 85
914	Richardson Stat. & Mfg. Co., Binding Constitutions and Ceremonials	15 00
915	The Stovel Co., Printing Proceedings	183 50
916	T. W. Taylor, Minute Book	12 00
917	Consolidated Stationery Co., Stationery	12 45
919	H. S. Griffiths, Engrossing	16 00
920	Bell & Armytage, Lodge Seals	39 00
921	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Sept. 15th, 1900	175 00
922	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Librarian, Grant to Library	50 00
922	The Stovel Co., Electro Cuts	3 15
924	A. B. Cail, Lodge Seal	5 00
925	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to Dec. 31st, 1900 . . .	50 00
926	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Dec. 15th, 1900	175 00
927	T. W. Taylor, Blank Books	142 00
928	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements . .	84 90
929	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to March 31st, 1901 . .	50 00
930	Richardson Stationery & Mfg. Co., Blank Books	122 50
931	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to March 15, 1901	175 00
932	E. W. Rugg & Co., Stationery	22 80
933	D. R. Dingwall, Testimonial to R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott . .	67 00

\$2290 16

YEARLY STATEMENT.

March 31st, 1901.

GAINS.

Dispensations.	\$83 00
Charters	126 00
Constitutions	123 99
Initiations	458 00
Dues	1475 75
Certificates	376 59
L. Membership Fees	45 00
L. Membership Certificates	2 47
Past Masters' Certificates.	23 87
Blank Books and Forms	67 56
Extinct Lodges	20 00
By-laws	12 25
Constitutions and Ceremonials	8 80
Burial Services	3 51
Interest.	24 30

LOSSES.

Fixtures	\$36 61
Expense	69 62
Printing	232 45
Books and Stationery	121 15
Rent	200 00
Telegraphing.	41 78
Salaries	668 88
Library Fixtures	17 48
Regalia	8 73
Ceremonials	4 54
Benevolent Fund Account.	25 00
Special Grants.	320 00
Testimonials.	67 00
Insurance.	25 80
Lodge Seals	4 00
Net Gain.	888 51

\$2851 00 \$2851 00

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

From April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

Initiations	\$446 00
Dues	1481 50
Grand Lodge Certificates	428 00
Life Membership Fees	45 00
Life Members' Certificates	11 00
Past Masters' Certificates	31 00
Blank Books and Forms	173 15
Constitutions and Ceremonials	63 00
Constitutions	297 50
Burial Services	51 70
Ceremonials	26 80
Dispensations.. . . .	65 00
By-laws.. . . .	21 50
Charters	140 00
Lodge Seals	42 00
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	\$3323 15

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

March 31st, 1901.

ASSETS.

Blank Books and Forms	\$313 03
Charters	15 00
Grand Lodge Certificates	18 30
Life Membership Certificates	44 08
Constitutions and Ceremonials	9 00
By-laws	117 04
Ceremonials	117 04
Burial Services	76 44
Constitutions	163 52
Fixtures	695 75
Regalia	165 97
Library Fixtures	337 17
Library	1633 68
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Current Account	1984 71
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Special Account	605 41
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Benevolent Account . .	16 90
Ledger Accounts	202 20

LIABILITIES.

Ledger Accounts	\$16 50
Total Assets over Liabilities	6392 06
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	\$6407 66 \$6407 66

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Lodge Librarian, presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

I have the honor to submit my report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library.

BOUND PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. T. S. Darwin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New York for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Texas for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED.

History of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M., Illinois for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Gil. W. Barnard.

Masonic Code of Nebraska for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

Masonic Code of Nevada for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. C. N. Nateware, Grand Secretary.

Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, the gift of R.W. Bro. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Constitution and Code of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edmund A. Osborn, Grand Secretary.

History of the Introduction of Freemasonry and its Progress in the United States, the gift of R.W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myres, Past Grand Master.

Burial Service of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the gift of R.W. Bro. Frederic Speed, Past Grand Master.

French Prison Lodges, the gift of W. Bro. W. F. Staynes, Past Master, Lodge No. 2081, England.

The Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, the gift of W. Bro. W. F. Staynes.

Military Lodges, by Robert Freke Gould, the gift of the author.

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, G. R., England.

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. Henry E. Flavelle, Grand Secretary, G.R., Ireland.

American Manual of Legislative Practice, by the Hon. A. O. Myers, the gift of the M. C. Lilley Co.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES DONATED.

Thirty-one volumes Sessional Papers, the gift of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Past Grand Master, Moosomin.

The London Graphic, complete, from 1875 to July, 1897, the gift of W. Bro. Judge Walker. In this valuable collection there are 33 bound volumes and the balance, by order of the Library Committee, are being bound, making a total, when complete, of 45 large volumes. I would respectfully suggest that the sum of forty dollars be granted for the purchase of a suitable case for the proper preservation of this magnificent donation.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are again due to Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying the Congressional Record.

BOOKS, ETC., PURCHASED.

The World's Best Orations.. . . .	10 volumes.
The Works of Francis Parkman.. . . .	16 volumes.
Art Work on Winnipeg	12 volumes.
The Queen's Reign.. . . .	1 volume.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

We again tender our thanks to the publishers of the following papers, magazines, etc., for their kindness in supplying, free of charge, copies of their respective publications, viz. :—

Manitoba Daily Free Press."	"The Masonic Chronicle."
Winnipeg Tribune."	"The Toronto Freemason."
Morning Telegram."	"The Masonic Sun."
Souris Plaindealer."	"The Texas Freemason."
Ancient Forester."	"The Australian Keystone."
Town Topics."	"The Canadian Craftsman."
Boston Ideas."	"The Western Mason."
Advance."	"The Orient and Sheaf."
The Silent Echo."	"The Square and Compass."
Canadian Forester."	"The Masonic Token."
Western Watchman."	"The Pacific Mason."
The American Tyler."	"The Masonic Voice Review."

DONATION.

Our grateful thanks are hereby tendered R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg, for his donation of twenty dollars to the Library Fund.

READING ROOM.

The sum of \$75.00, voted by the Winnipeg Lodges, has been expended during the year in providing suitable reading matter for the reading room. At my request each Lodge appointed one of their members to meet with M.W. Dean O'Meara and the Librarian to make the selection, and from the number of city brethren and visitors who have taken advantage of this provision during the year, I can assure the several City Lodges that their generous action is much appreciated and the matter selected by the committee freely commended.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by W. Bro. Henry Webster (70), the report of the Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

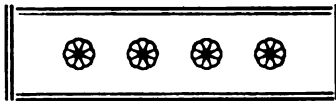
ADDRESS.

The M.W. Grand Master delivered his very interesting and instructive address on "The Great Symbol of the Craft," for which he received the hearty applause from the large number of brethren present.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), and resolved, That the Lecture of the M.W. Grand Master, on the "Great Symbol," be published as a Supplementary to the Annual Proceedings, with such amplification as the M.W. Grand Master thinks wise, and subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and Committee on Jurisprudence.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11.15 o'clock, p.m., until Thursday, June 13th, at 9.30 o'clock, a.m.



Second Day: Morning Session.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13th,
at 9.45 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, Grand Officers,
Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R.W. Bro. J. J. White. Chairman of the Committee on
the Condition of Masonry, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry respectfully present the following report:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the reports of the D. D. G. Masters of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and are pleased to find that there has been a fair increase of membership during the past year.

Your Committee regret to find from the report of the D. D. G. Master of the Third Masonic District that Glenboro Lodge is not

keeping up to its privileges, and would recommend that the incoming D. D. G. Master make a further effort, at the earliest possible date, to induce the members of that Lodge to live up to their obligations.

Your Committee regret that R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson, of the Fifth Masonic District, was obliged to leave the jurisdiction shortly after his election, thus preventing him from discharging his duties as he would have wished.

Your Committee recommend that the surrender of the charter, books, etc., of Battle Lodge, No. 38, be accepted, as owing to so many of their members having left the district, they find it impossible to continue as a Lodge.

Your committee concur in all that has been said by the several D. D. G. Masters, re Lodges of Instruction, and of the official visits of the M.W. Grand Master.

With reference to the recommendation of the D. D. Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, that Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, be taken out of that district and placed in the Fifth Masonic District, as it is on the line of the M. & N. W. Railway, and also from the report of the D. D. Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District, recommending that, that district be divided as follows:—

That Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, Perfection Lodge, No. 60, and Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, form the Ninth Masonic District, and that a new district be formed and numbered the Twelfth Masonic District, with the following Lodges:—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Acacia Lodge, No. 66, Victoria Lodge, No. 76, and Jasper Lodge, No. 78.

Your Committee recommend Grand Lodge, under the powers granted in Section 51 of the Constitution, to alter the said districts accordingly.

Your Committee would recommend that the rank of R.W. Past District Deputy Grand Masters be conferred on the following brethren:—

R.W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor.
R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope.
R.W. Bro. James K. Robson.
R.W. Bro. C. R. Foley.

R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson.
R.W. Bro. S. E. Lang.
R.W. Bro. John McTaggart.
R.W. Bro. A. B. Gillis.
R.W. Bro. John de Sousa.
R.W. Bro. Thos. McNab.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. J. WHITE,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Fenwick (64), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence respectfully recommend official and fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and the exchange of representatives with the same.

We would also recommend that the Grand Lodge of Cuba, which was inadvertently omitted, be replaced on our list of recognized Grand Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. CAMPKIN.

On motion of R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by R.W. Bro. Jas. K. Robson (51), the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report:—

1. That we have only received one application for assistance during the year, to which we granted the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
2. That the Victorian Aged and Infirm Masons have now available a sum of eleven hundred and twelve dollars (\$1,112.00). Amount to the credit of the Benevolent Account being sixteen dollars and ninety cents (\$16.90).

Fund at close of last year	\$1073 48
Interest accrued	20 27
Received from Manitou Lodge, No. 30.. . .	18 25
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Your Committee recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), due the Special Account, be returned, and that the Special and Victorian Aged and Infirm Masons' Account be placed in one fund and that in view of possible calls for benevolent work, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Account for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LESLIE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.W. Bro. T. L. Morton, of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges has carefully examined the books and returns of the four Lodges placed in their hands and beg to report as follows:—

VICTORIA LODGE, FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Instituted July 13th, 1900. Meetings held, 10. Initiated, 3. Passed, 1.

NAPINKA LODGE, NAPINKA.

Instituted July 13th, 1900. Meetings held, 12. Initiated, 5. Passed, 5. Raised, 3.

JASPER LODGE, EDMONTON.

Instituted October 15th, 1900. Meetings held, 8. Initiated, 5. Passed, 4. Raised, 4. Joined, 1.

YUKON LODGE, DAWSON.

Instituted 27th December, 1900. Meetings held, 12. Initiated, 10. Passed, 10. Raised, 10. Joined, 11.

And respectfully recommend that charters be granted the above Lodges, as follows:—

Victoria Lodge, No. 76—Twelfth Masonic District.

Napinka Lodge, No. 77—Fourth Masonic District.

Jasper Lodge, No. 78—Twelfth Masonic District.

Yukon Lodge, No. 79—Eleventh Masonic District.

No returns have been received from Wolseley Lodge, U.D., Wolseley, but from a letter from the Secretary showing the position in which the Lodge is, we would recommend that they be requested to return their books, etc., to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

T. L. MORTON.

On motion of R.W. Bro. T. L. Morton (11), seconded by V.W. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year 1900 it authorized payment of accounts presented by the Grand Secretary, as in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for the year, April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902:—

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$700 00
Office Rent.. . . .	200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1901	250 00
Books and Stationery	100 00
Postage and Express Charges	150 00
Grant to Grand Master for Expenses.. .	200 00
Grant to Grand Tyler	10 00
Grant to Caretaker	10 00
Insurance	25 00
Engrossing.. . . .	20 00
Grant to Library	50 00
Contingent Expenses	100 00

Your Committee report that it was found necessary to have printed a considerable number of blank books for sale to Lodges — the stock on hand had practically become exhausted. An expenditure of some \$280.00 was thus necessitated, but the books yet unsold remain an asset.

Fraternally submitted,

C. N. BELL,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1,) seconded by V.W. Bro. J. C. Saul (1), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, as follows:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same correct.

Your Auditors have much pleasure in stating that their labors were greatly reduced owing to the careful manner in which the books of Grand Lodge have been kept during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,
F. J. C. COX,

Auditors.

On motion of V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Most W. Bro. Corbet Locke, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:—

They agree most cordially with the references made in the address to the great loss the nation has suffered in the death of our beloved Queen, and with the expressions of loyalty to His Majesty King Edward VII. They note with pleasure that the Grand Master had anticipated the wish of Grand Lodge by appointing a committee to prepare an address to His Majesty expressive of that loyalty.

They express no opinion in regard to the various decisions in the matter of the physical qualifications of candidates for admission into the Order, feeling that this portion of the address should more properly be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

They particularly commend to the consideration of the members of Grand Lodge the references to the Committee on Character. The action of this committee is often of the most perfunctory character. The desire to increase the membership or augment the funds of the Lodge is too often the paramount consideration, and as a consequence men are admitted into Masonry who not only bring no strength to the institution, but are frequently a source of positive weakness. By this carelessness or worse the Lodge is very often deprived of the services of good and useful members, and others are deterred from joining the Order. Your Committee would urge the most rigid investigation of the character of all applicants, by those appointed for that purpose, and would further urge the necessity of each member assisting the Committee by every means in his power by placing before them all information he may have in his possession.

They would direct the attention of the members of Grand Lodge to the manner in which the Grand Master, following the plan proposed at the last session of Grand Lodge, has been enabled to visit almost every part of this large jurisdiction, and meet with the brethren in Lodges of Instruction. Your Committee feel that great good has been accomplished by these gatherings, and would cordially recommend that the plan, begun so auspiciously, should, if possible, be continued in the future.

They would also heartily endorse the plan proposed by the Grand Master, by which a certain amount of instruction in the ritual work of the Order might be arranged for at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. The importance of a correct and impressive working of the ritual cannot be overestimated. Everything depends upon first impressions, and a favorable opinion of the Order cannot be conceived by the newly admitted brother if the ritual work is given in a slipshod, unassumed unintelligible manner. Any means that may assist in the bettering of the ritual work should receive the sup-

port of Grand Lodge, and your Committee would recommend this proposal to their consideration.

They would also recommend, without endorsing specifically any of the means proposed, to the attention of the Subordinate Lodges, that portion of the address referring to Practical Masonry, believing, as they do, that a matter of far-reaching importance has been referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CORBET LOCKE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, begs to submit the following:—

Your Committee find the report of the Grand Secretary a complete and concise statement of all the details required by the Constitution of this officer of the Grand Lodge, and commend him for the care and attention which has been given to this document.

Your Committee feels that it does not exceed its duty in congratulating the Grand Lodge and the members of the Craft of this jurisdiction upon the faithful services of this permanent officer, who gives such evidence of his fitness for the responsible office which he has occupied for so short a time.

Your Committee views with gratification the fact that there is but one paragraph of this report requiring special comment. The report upon "Returns of Lodges," while satisfactory on the whole, reveals the fact that through the negligence of two secretaries, the odium of being specially named as delinquents, not only in performing the ordinary duty of making returns, but in refusing to even acknowledge the communications of the Grand Secretary, has fallen upon two Lodges in the jurisdiction. While not excusing these two Lodges from censure, your Committee feels a certain amount of sympathy for their members. Humanity is heir to many frailties, but the man who is unable to write a letter at the proper time has a disease that is incurable and makes him a danger to his fellows. We would suggest that before condemning the Lodge that the W. M. be appealed to and every reasonable opportunity be given to perform their obligations to the Grand Lodge.

The following summary, gathered from the report, may be of interest to the members of the Lodge:—

Certificates issued	58
Charters issued.. . . .	6
Dispensations to form New Lodges.. . . .	4
Charters surrendered.. . . .	1
Increase in membership.. . . .	349
Decrease in membership.. . . .	197
Net increase	146
Total membership.. . . .	3238

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. McDERMID,

Chairman

On motion of W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

To *the M.W. Grand Master*
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee have had under consideration the Grand Librarian's Report, and beg to report as follows:—

1. They are pleased to note the additions to the purely Masonic portions of our Library, consisting of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges and of Masonic codes. Such gifts enrich the Masonic literature at the disposal of the brethren, in the principles, precepts and proceedings of the Craft.

2. They gladly welcome the gift of M. W. Bro. Murphy, of 31 volumes of sessional papers, and are pleased to note his gift as marking the donor's interest in the welfare of the Craft, which has always so conspicuously distinguished M.W. Bro. Murphy.

3. The very handsome and most valuable donation by M.W. Bro. Walker, of the back numbers of the Graphic, making an increase to our library of quite exceptional interest, constituting, as it does, an illustrated history of our own times. We quite agree with the Grand Librarian that the unbound portions should be bound and the whole put in a case by itself, so that the brethren may have access to it.

4. We agree with the Grand Librarian in his opinion that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the Hon. Knute Nelson for his continued kindness.

5. Your Committee approves the works purchased by the Grand Librarian. They are all of widespread and permanent interest and are a distinct enrichment of the reading matter at the disposal of the brethren, and in the opinion of your Committee are a wise investment of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

6. R.W. Bro. Rugg's zeal for the good of the Craft is so well known that it does not require incitement of a vote of thanks for his generous gift of \$20.00; at the same time the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to him, and will, we feel, sure, be gladly given.

7. Your Committee is glad to note the prosperous condition of the reading room and the increasing pleasure and benefits accruing from it to the members of the Craft in the city and elsewhere.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. O'MEARA,

Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), seconded by W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:*

Your Committee on the Fraternal Dead beg leave to report as follows:—

Among the illustrious dead of sister Grand Lodges, we find the following names of worthy brethren, the official circulars informing us of their death, being rich with reminiscences of their useful and noble lives and with expressions of deepest sorrow in their decease:

M.W. Bro. Henry Clay Armstrong, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Died 17th December, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Francis Leigh Petters, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Died 6th March, 1901.

M.W. Bro. James McGinnis Brundridge, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Died 13th March, 1901.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Trounce, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Died 30th June, 1900.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Gee, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Died 28th May, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Robert Maxwell Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Killed in the Galveston disaster in September, 1900. Body never recovered.

R. W. Bro. William Reynolds Singleton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Died 23rd February, 1901.

M.W. Bro. George Dickerson Golden, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. Died 17th May, 1901.

M.W. Bro. Edwin Carlton Blackmar, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Died 7th October, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Alanson Partridge, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Died 7th July, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Edwin L. Bowring, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Died 26th October, 1900.

M.W. Bro. James A. Tulleys, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Died 21st January, 1901.

M.W. Bro. John H. Wayt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Died 13th February, 1901.

R. W. Bro. John W. Laffin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Died 30th August, 1900.

M.W. Bro. George H. Morgan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Died 27th July, 1900.

And M.W. Bro. G. W. Speth, of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, England, one of the highest and best known English authorities on Masonic Jurisprudence, who died on the 19th April, 1901.

Within our own jurisdiction this Grand Lodge has been bereft of one of its officers, and Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, of its Worshipful Master, in the person of V.W. Bro. Francis E. Statham, a worthy man and a Mason, Director of Ceremonies in this Grand Body, who died in Medicine Hat Hospital, on the 23rd of October, 1900, and was buried at Moose Jaw with the usual Masonic ceremonies. The Craft has also suffered the loss of others, twenty of its members during the past year having passed to the great beyond.

We recommend that the usual pages of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to the commemoration of the virtues of these departed brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. HILL MYERS,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS' EXPENSES.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, Chairman of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters' Expenses, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:*

The Committee appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, upon the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to report that they have considered the question, and are of the opinion that each district should defray the reasonable travelling expenses of their respective District Deputies—and this not so much as a matter of gratuity as of right and duty.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. BAKER,
Convener.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Geo. Baker (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), the report of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters' Expenses was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. WILLIAM G. SCOTT, PAST GRAND SECRETARY.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Testimonial to R.W. Bro. William G. Scott, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:*

The Committee appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to procure a Testimonial for R.W. Bro. William G. Scott, on his retire-

ment from the office of Grand Secretary, after so many years of faithful service, beg leave to report that a set of silverware was purchased and presented to him at a meeting of the Lodges of the First Masonic District, held in the Masonic Temple, Thursday, December 27th, 1900, over which the M.W. Grand Master presided.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. BAKER,
Convener.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (42), the report of the Committee on Testimonial to R.W. Bro. William Scott, Past Grand Secretary, was received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13):—That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that the sum of two hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

By R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25):—That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that the sum of fifty dollars be placed to the credit of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, to provide refreshments during the Communication.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), and Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and the Canadian Northern Railway Co.

for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE. No. 3

It was moved by R.W. Bro. William C. Copeland (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), and Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

THANKS TO W. BRO. THE HON. JUDGE WALKER

It was moved by W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to W. Bro. the Hon. Judge Walker, for his valuable and much appreciated donation to the Grand Lodge Library.

THANKS TO R.W. BRO. E. W. RUGG.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thomas McNab (41), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg, for his generous gift to the Library Fund.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), and Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at the City of Calgary.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (15), seconded by M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

PAST GRAND MASTERS' DECISIONS.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), and Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to prepare and submit to Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication a list of the decisions of the several Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. Decisions approved and disapproved.

ALTERATION OF MASONIC DISTRICTS.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (42), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), and Resolved, That the Ninth Masonic District be divided into two districts, as follows:—

Ninth Masonic District: Bow River, No. 28; Cascade, No. 42; Innisfail, No. 58; Perfection, No. 60; Red Deer, No. 73.

Twelfth Masonic District: Edmonton, No. 33; Eureka, No. 65; Acacia, No. 66; Victoria, No. 76; Jasper, No. 78.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), and Resolved, That Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, be changed from the Eighth Masonic District to the Fifth Masonic District.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The general business of Grand Lodge was suspended at 11 o'clock, a.m., and a Lodge of Instruction opened, conducted by W. Bro. Isaac Leece, who gave a very interesting and instructive explanation of the working of the "Emulation" Lodge, England.

THANKS TO W. BRO. ISAAC LEECE.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to W. Bro. Isaac Leece for his entertaining and instructive lecture on the working of "Emulation" Lodge, England.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place to-day at 2 o'clock, p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock, a.m., until 2 o'clock, p.m.

Second Day: Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUKON LODGE.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), seconded by W. Bro. Edmund K. Beeston (10), and Resolved, That R.W. Bro. Geo. Black be requested to visit Yukon Lodge, No. 79, on behalf of Grand Lodge and convey to them our best wishes for their success.

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. MASTER.

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. J. White (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION TO CALGARY.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), seconded by V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), and Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a Committee for the purpose of making transportation arrangements for delegates attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at the City of Calgary, June, 1902.

MONEY GRANTS.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), and Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Benevolent account.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), seconded by W. Bro. Herbert Radford (25), and Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, for refreshments at this Communication.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), and Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), seconded by V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), and Resolved, That the surrender of the charter, books, etc., of Battle Lodge, No. 39, be accepted.

LETTER OF REGRET FROM M.W. BRO. THOS.
TWEED.

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:*

Dear Brethren—

I regret to say that I will be unable to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge this year. I am not feeling well, and am under treatment of my medical adviser. With kindest regards, and trusting you will have a happy meeting.

I am, yours fraternally,

THOS. TWEED.

Medicine Hat, June 7th, 1901.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), seconded by W. Bro. James M. Suttee (3), and Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to convey to M.W. Bro. Thos. Tweed the deepest regrets of Grand Lodge at his unavoidable absence, their warm sympathy with him in his illness, and their most earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
AND RECEPTION.

R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:—

*To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:*

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report:—

There are 67 chartered and four Lodges U.D. on the Grand Register. Twenty-four Lodges are represented by their own officers; 10 Lodges by proxy; 24 Lodges unrepresented. There are 70 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 190.

Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:—

1	Prince Rupert's,	W. Bro.	John H. Mitchell,	W. Master.
		R.W.	Rev. 'A. B. Baird,	J. Warden.
3	Ancient Landmark,	W.	"	
			John B. Persse,	W. Master.
		"	E. A. Garrett,	J. Warden.
4	St. John's,	W.	"	
			D. E. McKinnon,	W. Master.
		"	J. T. Bragg,	S. Warden.
		"	Thos. Jones,	J. Warden.
7	Assiniboine,	W.	"	
			F. W. Clayton.	W. Master.
8	King Solomon,	"	"	
			A. A. Ballard,	S. Warden.
		"	A. S. Smith,	J. Warden.
10	Northern Light,	W.	"	
			James Scroggie,	W. Master.
		"	Robert Magness,	J. Warden.
11	Gladstone,	R.W.	"	
			Thos. L. Morton,	W. Master.
13	Belmont,	W.	"	
			J. R. McGregor,	W. Master.
		"	J. W. Driver,	S. Warden.
14	Prince of Wales,	W.	"	
			J. S. Armitage,	W. Master.
		"	S. L. Taylor,	J. Warden.
15	Corinthian,	R.W.	"	
			J. J. White,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	R.W.	"	
			J. M. Robinson,	Proxy.
23	Wascana,	W.	"	
			David Low,	W. Master.
24	Neepawa,	W.	"	
			P. B. Hazleton,	W. Master.
		"	Thos. Donaldson,	J. Warden.
25	Ionic,	W.	"	
			Bro. J. J. White,	W. Master.
27	Glenwood,	M.W.	"	
			James A. Ovas,	Proxy.
28	Bow River,	W.	"	
			J. Grant Gordon,	W. Master.
29	Carberry,	W.	"	
			W. J. Nickle,	W. Master.
30	Manitou,	W.	"	
			R. W. McClung,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	R.W.	"	
			H. H. Campkin,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	"	"	
			H. E. Dill,	S. Warden.
37	Alberta,	V.W.	"	
			John C. Saul,	Proxy.
39	Birtle,	W.	"	
			W. B. Chapman,	Proxy.
40	Deloraine,	W.	"	
			C. A. Young,	Proxy.
41	North Star,	R.W.	"	
			Thomas McNab,	Proxy.
42	Cascade,	W.	"	
			J. Grant Gordon,	Proxy.

on,	W. Bro.	E. A. Holmes,	W. Master.
h,	R.W.	W. G. Scott,	Proxy.
e,	W.	William Cairns,	W. Master.
ney,	W.	Isaac Leece,	Proxy.
rne,	R.W.	Jas. K. Robson,	Proxy.
nton,	R.W.	E. A. Braithwaite,	Proxy.
tal,	W.	George Stewart,	Proxy.
ng Star,	M.W.	Geo. B. Murphy,	Proxy.
ail,	W.	John R. Grant,	Proxy.
tion,	W.	Geo. H. Webster,	W. Master.
. M. Police,			
	R.W.	H. J. Eberts,	Proxy.
ll,	W.	E. A. Struthers,	W. Master.
nd,	W.	F. H. Dagg,	W. Master.
osite,	R.W.	William Fenwick,	Proxy.
nesa,	W.	W. T. Johnston,	W. Master.
l,	W.	Henry Webster,	W. Master.
Deer,	W.	S. M. Fream,	Proxy.
rn,	W.	Jos. Williamson,	W. Master.
c,	W.	B. P. Hepp,	W. Master.
		Geo. Camsell,	S. Warden.

tion of R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), secretary W. Bro. Herbert Radford (25), the report of the session on Credentials and Reception was received and

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

four having arrived for the Election of the Grand the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. G. Bell (3), M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), and M.W. B. Murphy (35), when the election proceeded, with the following results:—

Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), (re-elected) Grand Master.

Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (58), Grand Senior Warden.

Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), Grand Junior Warden.

R.W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), (re-elected) Grand Treasurer.

M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas (27), (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. James M. Suttie (8), Grand Registrar.

R.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird (1), (re-elected) Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters:—

W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), Winnipeg, First Masonic District.

W. Bro. John Wemyss (23), Neepawa, Second Masonic District.

W. Bro. Joseph Cornell (67), Wawanesa, Third Masonic District.

W. Bro., Isaac Leece (50), Killarney, Fourth Masonic District.

W. Bro. Peter Duncan (39), Birtle, Fifth Masonic District.

W. Bro. William B. Muir (52), Hartney, Sixth Masonic District.

W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head, Eighth Masonic District.

W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Anthracite, Ninth Masonic District.

There being no election for the Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Masonic Districts, the M.W. Grand Master subsequently appointed the following brethren as District Deputy Grand Masters:—

W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol (16), Prince Albert, Seventh Masonic District.

W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), Medicine Hat, Tenth Masonic District.

W. Bro. R. A. Cowan (79), Dawson, Eleventh Masonic District.

W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor (52), Edmonton, Twelfth Masonic District.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), seconded by W. Bro. J. R. Grant (10), and Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (28), Grand Senior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. James Montgomery (35), Grand D. of C.
V.W. Bro. W. F. J. Robertson (1), Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson (30), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. D. Low (23), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Frank H. Mewburn (41), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Alex. G. McKenzie (12), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. J. S. Armitage (14), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. E. O. Wheeler (2), Grand Pursuivant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Nominating Committee to select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees:—

R.W. Bro. William G. Scott (1), convener.
M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35).

R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53).
R.W. Bro. Thos. W Taylor (4).
R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29).
R.W. Bro. James K. Robson (51).
R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard (40).
R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).
R.W. Bro. Thomas McNab (41).
W. Bro. J. S. Armitage (14).
V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43).
W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60).

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported recommending the following Standing Committees:—

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), (chairman); R.W. Bro. H. J. Eberts, 10; M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13); M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (13); R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), (chairman); V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43); R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14); R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53); R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard (40),

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), (chairman); R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3); R.W. Bro. S. E. Lang (43); W. Bro. D. Low (23); R.W. Bro. John de Sousa (28).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3). (chairman); M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1); M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27); V.W. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19); W. Bro. S. P. Fream (73).

• ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), (chairman); R.W. Bro. William Crawford (31); R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11); R.W. Bro. J. K. Robson (51); W. Bro. F. L. McKay (33).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), (chairman); R.W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), W. Bro. G. H. Webster (60); R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33); R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), (chairman); R.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (41); R.W. Bro. Hamilton Lang (42); W. Bro. R. G. Mathews (37); W. Bro. H. E. Hyde (45).

ON FINANCE.

W. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), (chairman); V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1); R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4); W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25); W. Bro. J. B. Persee (3).

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), the report of the Nominating Committee was received and confirmed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master Elect, M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees:—

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.W. Bro. Corbett Locke (13), (convener); M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31); V.W. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), (convener); W. Bro. George Patterson (40); R.W. Bro. J. J. White (10).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara (1), (convener); R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg (3); W. Bro. John R. Grant (10).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), (convener); R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28); R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

AUDITORS.

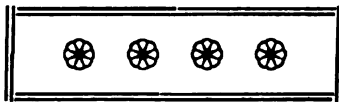
R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4); W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25).

ON TRANSPORTATION TO CALGARY.

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), (convener); R.W. Bro. William G. Scottt (1); W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.15 o'clock, p.m., until 8 o'clock, p.m.



Second Day: Evening Session.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on pages 142 and 143, were duly received and welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. William G. Bell, assisted by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. JOHN LESLIE.

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell, in a few appropriate words, presented M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, with a handsome chain collar, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the twenty-sixth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10.30 o'clock, p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

Attest:



James A. Orr

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid, Winnipeg.

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. John Wemyss, Neepawa.

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.
"	29—Carberry	Carberry.
"	49—Temple	Macgregor.
"	63—Vermillion	Dauphin.
"	75—Gothic	Austin.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Joseph Cornell, Wawanesa.

No.	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro.
"	51—Treherne	Treherne.
"	63—Holland	Holland.
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa.
"	70—Shiloh	Roland.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Isaac Leece, Killarney.

No. 18—Belmont	Mor
" 30—Manitou	Man
" 36—Doric	Boisse
" 40—Deloraine	Delor
" 50—Killarney	Killar
" 54—Oriental	Me
" 71—Crystal	Crystal
" 77—Napinka	Napi

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Peter Duncan, Birtle.

No. 14—Prince of Wales	Minned
" 15—Corinthian	Rapid
" 39—Birtle	Bi
" 62—Russell	Rus
" 69—Yorkton	York

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. B. Muir, Hartney.

No. 19—Brandon	Bran
" 21—Glenwood	So
" 43—Lebanon	Vir
" 44—Oak Lake	Oak L
" 52—Hartney	Hart
" 64—Composite	Alexan
" 74—Elkhorn	Elkh

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol, Prince Albert.

No. 16—Kinistino	Prince Alb
" 72—Duck Lake	Duck L

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, Indian Head.

23—Wascana	Regina.
26—Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
32—Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle.
33—Indian Head	Indian Head.
34—Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle.
35—Moosomin	Moosomin.
47—Ashlar	Whitewood.
57—Evening Star	Grenfell.
61—North-West Mounted Police	Regina.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside, Anthracite.

28—Bow River	Calgary.
42—Cascade	Anthracite.
58—Innisfail	Innisfail.
60—Perfection	Calgary.
73—Red Deer	Red Deer.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. Crawford, Medicine Hat.

31—Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
37—Alberta	Macleod.
41—North Star	Lethbridge.
45—Spitzie	Pincher Creek.
56—Maple Leaf	Maple Creek.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. R. A. Cowan, Dawson.

79—Yukon	Dawson.
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TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor, Edmonton.

13—Edmonton	Edmonton.
35—Eureka	Lacombe.
46—Acacia	South Edmonton.
76—Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan.
78—Jasper	Edmonton.

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District	7
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	8
Fifth Masonic District	5
Sixth Masonic District	7
Seventh Masonic District	2
Eighth Masonic District	9
Ninth Masonic District	5
Tenth Masonic District	5
Eleventh Masonic District	1
Twelfth Masonic District	5
Total	<hr/> 70

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
George Talbot Stoddart .	17 April, 1900.....	Prince Rupert's .	1
Anders Polson	18 December, 1900..	Prince Rupert's .	1
Sam Ferguson.	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
James Haddock	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
John Hall Holman	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
William Stevenson Inglis..	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
David Savill Johnson.....	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Samuel Philip Riddell . .	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
William Clayton S. Wetmore	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Albert Widdis	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
George W. Vanderslice . .	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert H. Shanks... . .	12 July, 1900.....	St. John's	4
Edward N. Willoughby..	12 July, 1900.....	St. John's	4
George Henry	9 April, 1900.....	Assiniboine	7
John Francis	19 December, 1900	Assiniboine	7
Robert Hudson	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine	7
John Kitchen	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine	7
James Scott...	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine	7
James Edwin Riley	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . . .	8
James Birk	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . . .	8
James Croft Kennedy. . .	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . . .	8
James und Percy Johns. . .	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . . .	8
James erick John Hogg.....	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . . .	8
James hester A. Skeffington..	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . . .	8
James am Charles Cowan . .	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James Christie	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James ert Waugh Hill . . .	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James Patterson Johnston..	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James erick Starkey... . .	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James F. White	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James Ben. Brandes	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James ert H. Shanks... . .	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James r Thompson	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James othy Smith	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James mas Henry South. . .	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James ox Whiteford	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James atine Winkler	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James on Fraser	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James Gordon Grassie.....	30 November, 1900	Prince of Wales .	14
James am Weatherston... .	30 November, 1900.	Prince of Wales .	14
James ore Jordan Basker . .	10 August, 1900....	Prince of Wales .	14
James ert Scott Armstrong..	6 February, 1900..	Corinthian. . . .	15
James our Kelly	12 June, 1900.....	Brandon	19
James ge Dowsley Smith . .	12 June, 1900.....	Brandon	19
James mas E. Burbeck . . .	13 March, 1900....	Moose Jaw	26

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—

(Continued.)

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
John Bowles	13 March, 1900 . . .	Moose Jaw . . .	8
Frederick Garnham . . .	13 March, 1900 . . .	Moose Jaw . . .	8
Charles J. W. Scott . . .	12 December, 1900 .	Bow River . . .	8
T. E. Carson	12 December, 1900 .	Bow River . . .	8
J. H. Millwan	12 December, 1900 .	Bow River . . .	8
T. H. Waring	12 December, 1900 .	Bow River . . .	8
James Buckham	13 February, 1900 . .	Qu'Appelle . . .	4
Frederick Damand Peters .	22 May, 1900	Doric	8
John Walker Davis . . .	31 October, 1900 . .	Alberta	7
John Edward Lamar . . .	31 October, 1900 . .	Alberta	7
James Rowland Scott . . .	31 October, 1900 . .	Alberta	7
Joseph William Smith . .	31 October, 1900 . .	Alberta	7
Albert Billings Laird . .	14 February, 1900 . .	Deloraine	0
William Frederick Stebbing	14 February, 1900 . .	Deloraine	0
Henry Langford Watts . .	15 April, 1900	Lebanon	3
John Darley Harrison . .	15 April, 1900	Edmonton	3
Samuel F. Kelly	15 April, 1900	Edmonton	3
Philip Wagner	15 April, 1900	Edmonton	3
William George Lalor . .	18 October, 1900 . .	Innisfail	8

SUSPENSIONS FOR U. M. C.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Frederick Smith Young . .	18 December, 1900 .	Prince Rupert . .	1
Alfred M. Dalton	3 October, 1900 . .	Neepawa	24

DROPPED FROM HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Alfred Lewin Fortin . . .	19 December, 1900 .	Assiniboine . . .	7

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

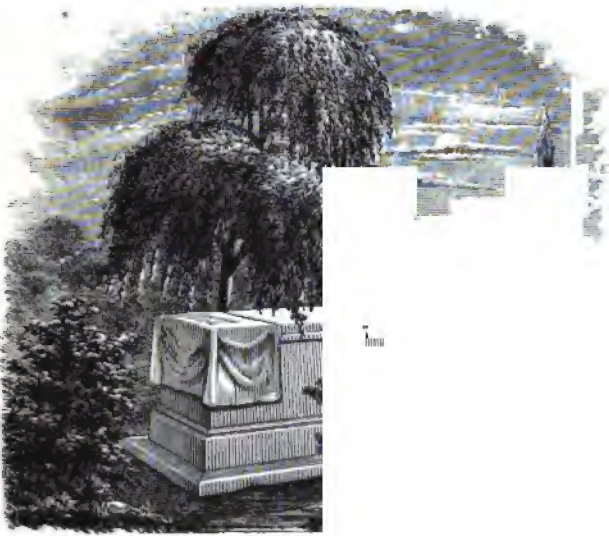
NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
xander McNab.. . . .	2 March, 1900.....	Prince Rupert's. .	1
ed Codd.. . . .	29 November, 1900	Prince Rupert's. .	1
ph Henry Kennedy ..	20 November, 1900.	Prince Rupert's. .	1
rls W. Zutar	2 April, 1900.....	Lisgar	2
n. W. Vanderslice ..	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
n McLellan.. . . .	13 April, 1900.....	Prince of Wales .	14
lrew Tannahill	13 March, 1900.....	Brandon	19
gh Wilson Todd. . . .	4 April, 1900.....	Brandon	19
nk Peterson.. . . .	13 April, 1900.....	Glenwood	27
xander Lucas	12 February, 1900.	Bow River.	28
nund W. Stewart .. .	30 March, 1900.....	Indian Head. . . .	33
orge Morton Manual ..	10 January, 1900...	Deloraine	40
oniram Cates.. . . .	9 May, 1900.....	Deloraine	40
bert Nimmons	10 December, 1900.	North Star	41
liam McKenzie.. . . .	5 March, 1900.....	Lebanon	43
lip Wagner	26 June, 1900.....	Edmonton	53

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSIONS FOR U.M.C.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
ter Edward Blakey. . .	15 March, 1900....	Cascade.	42

DEATHS 21--19 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
William Henry Culver. . .	1 September, 1900	Prince Rupert's	1
Simon Duffin	26 July, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Cecil George Woodside . .	11 March, 1900....	Assiniboine . . .	7
Robert Waters	6 June, 1900.....	Assiniboine . . .	7
Frank Alexander Brown .	28 December, 1899.	Oakland.	9
William Campbell	20 July, 1900.....	Northern Light	10
Donald J. McCuish . . .	9 December, 1900.	Belmont	13
Albert Caldwell Sewell . .	2 May, 1900.....	Prince of Wales	14
Hugh John Montgomery .	16 January, 1900...	Kinistino	16
Charles Compston. . . .	1 May, 1900.....	Moose Jaw	26
Francis Edwyn Statham .	23 October, 1900...	Moose Jaw	26
William Drewry Antrobus	September, 1900	Alberta	37
Robert Forbes Liston. . .	2 May, 1900.....	Battle.	38
Henry Asson	12 October, 1900...	Cascade.	42
John Spiers	28 January, 1900...	Lebanon	43
Alexander McNeill	4 August, 1900....	Treherne	51
Colin Fenie Strang. . . .	10 December, 1900.	Edmonton.	53
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In Memory
of the
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

"Give them the meed they have won in the past,
Give them the honors their merit forecast;
Give them the chaplets they have won in the strife,
Give them the laurels they lost with their life;
Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, these brothers of ours."

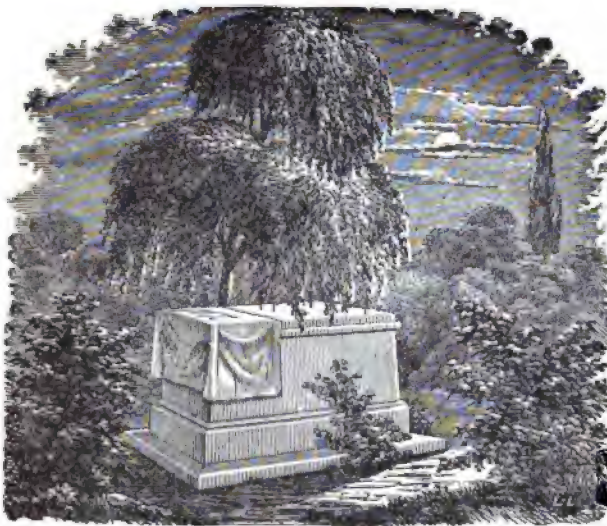


In Memory

of the

*Twenty-One Brethren of the Nineteen Lodges
whose deaths have been reported during
the Masonic year Ending
Dec. 27, 1900.*

**"When through the deep waters God calls us to go,
The rivers shall not us overflow,
For God will be with us, all troubles to bless.
And sanctify to us our deepest distress."**



In Memoriam.

W. BRO. FRANCIS E. STATHAM,

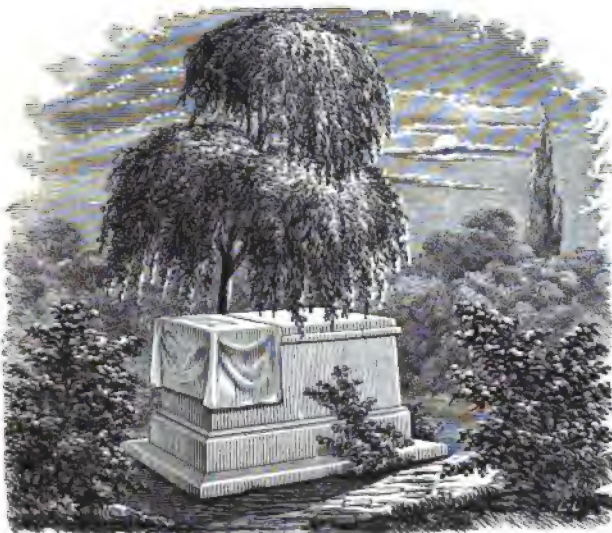
W. Master of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26,

Moose Jaw, Assiniboia,

Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Died at Medicine Hat, Alta, Oct. 23, 1900.

Night came,
Releasing him from labor,
When a hand as from the darkness
Touched him—and he slept."



In Memoriam.

R. W. BRO. SIMON DUFFIN,

Past Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Manitoba.

Past Grand Senior Warden.

Died at Winnipeg July 28, 1900.

"Death is that harbor whither God hath designed every one,
That there he may find rest from the cares and troubles of the
world."

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, Dec. 27th, 1900:

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Mem'b'ship 27th Dec. 1899.	Mem'b'ship 27th Dec. 1900.
1	Prince Rupert.....	6	6	8	4	3	4	2	1	1	3	196	201
2	Lisgar.....	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	58	59
3	Ancient Landmark	7	8	12	...	1	3	9	...	1	...	180	175
4	St. John's.....	8	11	11	5	...	2	2	...	...	1	142	151
6	Emerson.....	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	42
7	Assiniboine.....	2	2	2	1	...	4	5	...	2	...	71	62
8	King Solomon.....	5	5	5	1	1	1	6	...	...	...	48	47
9	Oakland.....	1	...	...	2	2	1	6	...	1	1	51	46
10	Northern Light..	5	6	8	7	...	2	...	...	1	...	84	93
11	Gladstone.....	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	30	32
12	Stonewall.....	...	2	3	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	30	29
13	Belmont.....	2	2	3	...	...	6	3	...	1	...	77	77
14	Prince of Wales	3	5	2	1	1	2	3	...	1	...	55	55
15	Corinthian.....	5	5	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	29	32
16	Kinistino.....	4	5	5	2	...	3	...	...	1	1	54	58
18	Braddon.....	3	5	5	...	2	3	2	...	...	4	103	103
23	Wascana.....	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	56	51
24	Neepawa.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	47	47
25	Ionic.....	5	4	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	102	106
26	Moose Jaw.....	1	2	3	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	56	52
27	Glenwood.....	5	4	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	41	45
28	Bow River.....	5	5	7	2	1	4	4	...	...	...	93	93
29	Carberry.....	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	30	33
30	Manitou.....	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	34	34

67 Evening Star..	6	0	1	1	1	1	1	39	44
68 Innisfail	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	22	24
69 Perfection.	24	18	14	6	1	1	1	67	88
61 North-West Mounted Police.	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	40	40
62 Russell	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	84	85
63 Holland	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	84	88
64 Composite	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	26	27
65 Eureka	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	17	21
66 Acacia	2	2	1	5	1	1	1	22	22
67 Wawanesa	2	2	...	2	1	1	1	21	22
68 Vermillion	3	3	6	2	1	1	1	21	28
69 Yorkton	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	28	31
70 Shiloh	2	6	7	1	1	1	1	14	22
71 Crystal	5	9	9	5	1	1	1	15	25
72 Duck Lake.	6	6	5	2	1	1	2	8	16
73 Red Deer	12	10	9	2	1	1	1	12	24
74 Elkhorn	8	8	7	1	1	1	1	7	16
75 Gothic	7	6	6	10	1	1	1	...	17
	234	224	232	91	18	109	64	3091	3289

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	TOWN AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS	MUNICIPALITY	PROVINCE OR DISTRICT.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF REGULAR MEETING.
1	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	John W. Mitchell.	G. H. Hargrave.	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lagar.....	Selkirk.....	Selkirk.....	Manitoba.....	R. W. Stewart.	M. Moncreiff.....	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark.....	Winnipeg.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	John B. Persse.....	J. E. Anderson.....	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's.....	Winnipeg.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	D. E. McKinnon.....	E. S. Shields.....	Second Thursday in each month.
5	Emerson*.....	Winnipeg.....	Franklin.....	Manitoba.....	Edna Casselman.....	Jno. M. MacDonald.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
6	Emerson*.....	Winnipeg.....	Pige la Prairie.....	Manitoba.....	F. W. Clayton.....	E. W. Bateman.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
7	Assiniboine.....	Port la Prairie.....	Morris.....	Manitoba.....	G. F. Birney.....	F. N. Bell.....	First Tuesday in each month.
8	King Solomon.....	Port la Prairie.....	Morris.....	Manitoba.....	A. F. Badger.....	R. J. McConnell.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
9	Oakland.....	Carman.....	Dufferin.....	Manitoba.....	James Scroggie.....	William Hill.....	Third Thursday in each month.
10	Northern Light.....	Winnipeg.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	T. L. Morton.....	John Ferguson.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
11	Gladstone.....	Gladstone.....	Westbourne.....	Manitoba.....	A. R. Leonard.....	T. Ramsay.....	Monday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall.....	Stonewall.....	Rockwood.....	Manitoba.....	Jas. R. McGregor.....	John Gilchrist.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont.....	Morden.....	Stanley.....	Manitoba.....	J. S. Armitage.....	W. H. Sparling.....	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales.....	Minnedosa.....	Odana.....	Manitoba.....	R. P. Crookshank.....	A. F. LePage.....	First Tuesday in each month.
15	Corinthian.....	Rapid City.....	Saskatchewan.....	Manitoba.....	John F. Betts.....	James Stewart.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino.....	Prince Albert.....	Brandon.....	Manitoba.....	N. J. Halpin.....	H. L. Adolph.....	First Tuesday in each month.
17	Brandon.....	Brandon.....	Brandon.....	Manitoba.....	David Low.....	T. W. Peart.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.
18	Wascana.....	Brandon.....	Brandon.....	Manitoba.....	P. B. Hazleton.....	John Wemyss.....	First Friday in each month.
19	Neepawa.....	Neepawa.....	Langford.....	Manitoba.....	J. J. White.....	W. C. Copeland.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
20	Neepawa.....	Winnipeg.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	Alexander Brechin.....	Henry Sikes.....	Friday on or before full moon.
21	Neepawa.....	Winnipeg.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	S. S. Smith.....	W. H. Menary.....	Second Monday in each month.
22	Glenwood.....	Souris.....	Glenwood.....	Manitoba.....	J. William J. Nickel.....	John de Souza.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
23	Boz River.....	Calgary.....	North Cypress.....	Manitoba.....	John S. Grant.....	R. W. McClung.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
24	Carberry.....	Carberry.....	Pembina.....	Manitoba.....	James Cook.....	E. J. Fevings.....	Friday on or before full moon.
25	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat.....	Assinibola.....	Manitoba.....	Robert Williams.....	F. S. Proctor.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
26	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat.....	Assinibola.....	Manitoba.....	John W. Kemp.....	James Macra.....	Friday on or before full moon.
27	Fort Qu'Appelle.....	Fort Qu'Appelle.....	Assinibola.....	Manitoba.....	Geo. W. Vickers.....	William Clark.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.
28	Indian Head.....	Indian Head.....	Assinibola.....	Manitoba.....	D. D. Ellis.....	Chas. A. Wylie.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.
29	Qu'Appelle.....	Qu'Appelle.....	Assinibola.....	Manitoba.....	William Hanley.....	James D. Raine.....	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
30	Moosemin.....	Moosemin.....	Morton.....	Manitoba.....	C. W. E. Gardner.....	Arthur Young.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.
31	Dorlic*.....	Macleod.....	Macleod.....	Alberta.....			

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39) Birtle.....	Birtle.....	Manitoba..	John B. Haines....	Second Monday in each month.	Second Monday in each month.
40) Deloraine.....	Deloraine.....	Manitoba..	W. H. Wilson.....	Wed day on or before full moon.	Wed day on or before full moon.
41) North Star.....	Lethbridge.....	Alberta.....	John H. Fleetwood.....	Second Monday in each month.	Second Monday in each month.
42) Leppan.....	Arthursville.....	Manitoba..	Thomas E. Wilson.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
43) Oak Lake.....	Virden.....	Manitoba..	E. A. Holmes.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
44) Spitzale.....	Oak Lake.....	Manitoba..	T. B. Mitchell.....	Friday on or before full moon.	Friday on or before full moon.
45) Ashlar.....	Pincher Creek.....	Alberta.....	R. Streeper.....	Friday on or before full moon.	Friday on or before full moon.
46) Glenboro.....	Whitewood.....	Manitoba..	W. J. Cowan.....	Second Monday in each month.	Second Monday in each month.
47) Temple.....	Glenboro.....	Manitoba..	William Noble.....	Wed day on or after full moon.	Wed day on or after full moon.
48) Killarney.....	Macgregor.....	Manitoba..	W. J. Sanders.....	Friday on or before full moon.	Friday on or before full moon.
49) Killarney.....	Killarney.....	Manitoba..	John Coulter.....	Friday on or before full moon.	Friday on or before full moon.
50) Treherne.....	Treherne.....	Manitoba..	Richard Shore.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
51) Hartney.....	Hartney.....	Manitoba..	W. T. Henry.....	Friday on or before full moon.	Friday on or before full moon.
52) Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....	Alberta.....	George Stewart.....	Wed day on or before full moon.	Wed day on or before full moon.
53) Orientail.....	Melita.....	Manitoba..	J. D. Tomkins.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
54) East Star.....	Gresha.....	Manitoba..	A. J. Smith.....	Thursday on or after full moon.	Thursday on or after full moon.
55) Maple Leaf.....	Maple Creek.....	Manitoba..	R. M. Archer.....	Third Thursday in each month.	Third Thursday in each month.
56) Evening Star.....	Grenfell.....	Manitoba..	J. G. Terry.....	First Thursday in each month.	First Thursday in each month.
57) Enistail.....	Enistail.....	Alberta.....	John G. May.....	Wed day on or before full moon.	Wed day on or before full moon.
58) Perfection.....	Calgary.....	Manitoba..	Robert Belcher.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
59) N. W. M. Police.....	Rexburg.....	Manitoba..	E. A. Struthers.....	Wed day on or before full moon.	Wed day on or before full moon.
60) Russell.....	Russell.....	Manitoba..	F. H. Dagg.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
61) Holland.....	Holland.....	Manitoba..	R. B. Dagg.....	First Wednesday in each month.	First Wednesday in each month.
62) Composite.....	Whitehead.....	Manitoba..	W. L. Elliott.....	Second Thursday in each month.	Second Thursday in each month.
63) Eureka.....	Strathcona.....	Alberta.....	D. S. McKenzie.....	Monday on or before full moon.	Monday on or before full moon.
64) Acacia.....	Strathcona.....	Alberta.....	W. T. Johnston.....	First Tuesday in each month.	First Tuesday in each month.
65) Wawanesa.....	Wawanesa.....	Manitoba..	Thomas Young.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
66) Vermillion.....	Dauphin.....	Manitoba..	Geo. C. C. Whalley.....	Thursday on or after full moon.	Thursday on or after full moon.
67) Yorkton.....	Yorkton.....	Manitoba..	Henry Webster.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Tuesday on or before full moon.
68) Shiloah.....	Shiloah.....	Manitoba..	W. P. Sparling.....	Second Wednesday in each month.	Second Wednesday in each month.
69) Crystal.....	Crystal City.....	Manitoba..	William Fawcett.....	Monday on or before full moon.	Monday on or before full moon.
70) Duck Lake.....	Duck Lake.....	Manitoba..	Philisk Pidgeon.....	Monday on or after full moon.	Monday on or after full moon.
71) Red Deer.....	Red Deer.....	Manitoba..	Joseph Williamson.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Tuesday on or before full moon.
72) Elkhorn.....	Elkhorn.....	Manitoba..	R. P. Henn.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.	Wednesday on or before full moon.
73) Gothic.....	Gothic.....	Manitoba..	John M. Moran.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	Thursday on or before full moon.
74) Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan.....	Manitoba..	William Hopkins.....	Second Monday in each month.	Second Monday in each month.
75) Napinka.....	Napinka.....	Manitoba..	J. J. Dunlop.....	Last Thursday in each month.	Last Thursday in each month.
76) Jasper.....	Edmonton.....	Manitoba..	C. H. Wells.....		
77) Dawson.....	Dawson.....	Yukon.....			

THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

ELECTED. WHEN	GRAND MASTERS.	DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND REGISTRARS.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke.	*Hon. W. N. Ken- nedy.	Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson.....	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell.	*H. T. Champlor	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Ken- nedy.	Jas. Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson.	G. F. Newcomb..	*J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	J. W. Harris....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb....	Jas. Henderson.	John W. Harris	.....	*J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	*Col. John Ken- nedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb....	John W. Harris.	*Simon Duffin.	*F. T. Bradley....	*J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	*Col. John Ken- nedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris.	*Simon Duffin.	R. McQuail.....	*J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	Jas. Munroe.	Rev. James Flett.
1880	*John H. Bell.....	.....	*Hon. G. Mc Micken.	*J. J. Johnson....	*J. J. Johnson....	Wm. G. Scott.	*D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	*D. B. Murray	.....	*J. J. Johnson....	Jas. Henderson.	*D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	*Alfred Pearson	.....	*J. J. Johnson....	.....	*D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell.....	*D. B. Murray.	R. McQuail....	*John Smith, M.D.	*J. J. Johnson....	Wm. G. Scott.	D. Young, M.D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	*John H. Bell.....	.....	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	*J. J. Johnson....	Wm. G. Scott.	*Wm. Simpson.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	*Alfred Pearson	P. McGregor.	*Thos. Collins....	John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott.	*J. W. H. Wilson.	*Rev. J. M. Well- wood.
1886	*Alfred Pearson...	Peter McGregor.	*J. W. H. Wilson.	*J. K. Brydon....	John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott.	Wm. G. Bell....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark....	John A. Kerr....	Jas. A. Ovas.	Wm. G. Bell.....	John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott.	Jas. S. Greig....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark....	James A. Ovas.	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown.....	John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott.	Joseph Daniel...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell....	Thos. L. Morton.	*Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott.	James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1892	WILL. U. DELL.....	JOHN W. G. FILL 901.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray...	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.

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Alabama.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp.	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona.....	Geo. J. Roskruege....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Connecticut.....	Geo. Johnston.....	San Francisco, Mas. T.
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California.....	John H. Barlow....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Benj. F. Bartram ...	Wilmington.
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Georgia.....	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
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Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.

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OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.—Continued.**

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Nebraska.....	Francis E. White ...	Plattsmouth.
Nevada.....	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Hampshire....	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thos. H. R. Redway.	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen...	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers.	New York Mas. Templ
North Carolina	John C. Drewry....	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson.	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams.	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby....	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett....	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson.....	Houston, Box 5.
Utah	Christopher Diehl...	Salt Lake City, Box 5.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds.	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington.	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed...	Olympia.
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Wisconsin	Wm. M. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall...	Saratoga.

IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba	Amelio Miranda....	Havana.
New South Wales...	Arthur H. Bray....	Sydney.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol....	Auckland.
South Australia....	Jas. H. Cunningham.	Adelaide.
Western Australia...	J. D. Stevenson....	Perth.
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Victoria	John Braim.....	Melbourne.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER
GRAND LODGES.

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
of Columbia	Eli Harrison.....	Victoria.....	January 9, 1878
of Alberta	Amelius Irving...	Hamilton.....	January 14, 1876
Brunswick.	Donald Munroe...	Woodstock....	April 20, 1892
of Scotia....	Geo. W. G. Bonner.	Halifax.....	January 7, 1899
of Ed'd Is'd.	Thos. A. McLean.	Charlottetown.	February 21, 1876
of Quebec....	Will H. Whyte...	Montreal.....	Sept. 30, 1885

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

of London.....	S. G. Kirchhoffer.	London.....	July 1, 1901
of Dublin.....	Rt. R'd J. B. Crozier	Dublin.....	October 25, 1898
of Edinburgh....	Jas. Melville.....	Edinburgh....	October 30, 1889

IN THE UNITED STATES.

of Maine.....	J. W. Carmichael.	Ozard.....	May 8, 1886
of New Hampshire.	R. H. Hetherington	Prescott.....	April 10, 1894
of Texas.....	A. A. Gibson....	Hope.....	January 5, 1887
of California....	Niles Searls.....	Nevada.....	May 18, 1896
of Colorado....	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango.....	Sept. 10, 1891
of Connecticut....	Geo. W. Bentley..	New London..	March 2, 1876
of Delaware....	And'w L. Johnson	Wilmington...	October 16, 1895
of Florida.....	J. F. R. Appleby...	Washington...	October 6, 1884
of Georgia.....	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee...	January 6, 1879
of Illinois.....	James M. Levy...	Covington....	March 17, 1887
of Indiana.....	Martin Cathcart.	Placerville....	June 9, 1879
of Iowa.....	Jacob Krohn.....	Freeport.....	March 27, 1884
of Kansas.....	William Jas. Oak.	Goodland.....	March 18, 1898
of Kentucky.....	G. M. VanLeuven.	Osage.....	Sept. 30, 1885
of Louisiana....	Abijah Wells....	Seneca.....	December 10, 1886
of Maryland....	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles..	May 1, 1895
of Massachusetts.	A. W. Wetherbee.	Warren.....	March 30, 1877
of Michigan....	Wm. H. Ruby...	Towson.....	January 10, 1884
of Minnesota....	Wm. T. Mitchell..	Port Huron...	November 16, 1883
of Missouri....	H. C. Shepard...	Winona.....	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Mississippi.....	John Rice.....	Sardis.....	December 7, 1870
Missouri.....	W. R. Stubblefield	Salem.....	January 20, 1892
Montana.....	Julian M. Knight.	Virginia City.	Nov. 29, 1872
Nebraska.....	Job J. King.....	O'Neil.....	Nov. 1, 1892
Nevada.....	Alex. O. Percy....	Gold Hill.....	July 23, 1892
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder...	Manchester....	December 5, 1882
New Jersey....	Charles H. Stiles..	Burlington....	Nov. 23, 1892
New Mexico...	Sim. B. Newcomb	Aztec.....	March 27, 1872
New York.....	Robert Roberts...	New York.....	Dec. 10, 1892
North Carolina.	Samuel H. Smith	Winston.....	May 13, 1892
North Dakota..	Thomas Nisbet...	Grand Forks..	March 15, 1892
Ohio.....	Rev. C. G. Martin.	Sandusky.....	July 31, 1892
Oregon.....	Wm. H. Hobson...	Salem.....	January 24, 1892
Rhode Island...	W. Lester Hill..	Providence....	February 4, 1892
South Carolina.	Charles Inglesby.	Charleston....	April 10, 1872
South Dakota..	Willie T. Porter.	Lead City....	March 15, 1890
Tennessee.....	Milton H. Price.	De Soto.....	April 11, 1892
Texas.....	E. J. Simpkins...	Corsicana....	Sept. 16, 1891
Utah.....	Adolph Anderson.	Salt Lake City	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont.....	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg....	May 20, 1891
Virginia.....	Frank Gilmer....	Charlottesville.	February 8, 1892
Washington....	Edward R. Hare.	Tacoma.....	January 12, 1900
West Virginia..	James Luke, Jr...	New Cumberl'd	Dec. 10, 1898
Wisconsin.....	John Gill.....	Milwaukee....	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of.	Rafael Joglar.....	Havana.....	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	Ellis Robinson...	Sidney.....	Nov. 10, 1893
New Zealand...	Hon. Hy. Feldwick	Tuvercargill...	Dec. 10, 1892
South Australia.	Jas. Magor Symons	Moonta.....	January 7, 1892
Victoria.....	R. Kilpatrick....	Melbourne....	February 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

AND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.	
ada.....	Rev.S.P.Matheson	Winnipeg.....	October	6, 1886
ish Columbia	James A. Carley..	Winnipeg.....	Sept.	5, 1894
v Brunswick.	John McGuirl....	Moosomin....	April	6, 1899
ra Scotia....	Rev.J. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg.....	April	20, 1899
nce E. Island.	John J. Jackson..	Winnipeg.....	June	22, 1899
bec.....	J.Thompson Black.	Winnipeg.....	June	12, 1896

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

gland.....	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg.....	October	15, 1869
land.....	Wm. G. Scott....	Winnipeg.....	October	6, 1890
otland.....	Wm. G. Bell.....	Winnipeg.....	August	5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

ama.....	James Leslie....	Minnedosa....	May	17, 1886
ona.....	A. B. Gillis.....	Whitewood....	May	10, 1900
ansas.....	Roderick McCuaig	P. la Prairie..	January	5, 1899
ornia.....	F. Leslie Newman	P. la Prairie..	Sept.	15, 1892
rado.....	John R. Jones...	Winnipeg.....	May	7, 1900
necticut....	Geo. W. Baker...	Winnipeg.....	March	27, 1899
lwere.....	Alex. J. Belch....	Winnipeg.....	January	1, 1898
of Columbia	G. S. McGregor..	Mekiwin.....	June	20, 1900
ida.....	James D. Baine..	Boissevain....	May	11, 1897
rgia.....	Thos. L. Morton..	Gladstone....	April	2, 1887
o.....	John R. Grant...	Winnipeg.....	June	26, 1901
ois.....	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg.....	January	1, 1889
sas.....	James A. Ovas...	Winnipeg.....	January	1, 1895
isiana.....	James J. White...	Winnipeg.....	June	17, 1889
ce.....	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine....	December	29, 1898
eland.....	D. H. McFadden.	Emerson.....	January	5, 1899
igan.....	John McKechnie..	Winnipeg.....	January	1, 1900
nesota.....	Thos. W. Taylor..	Winnipeg.....	December	26, 1898
issippi.....	Jas. E. Maynard.	Boissevain....	July	19, 1900
ouri.....	K. P. Crookshank.	Rapid City....	June	26, 1901
tana.....	Herman J. Eberts.	Winnipeg.....	April	23, 1897
aska.....	Richard D. Foley.	Manitou.....	Nov.	13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Nevada.....	Corbet Locke...	Morden.....	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire..	David J. Goggin..	Regina.....	December 13, 1887
New Jersey.....	Wm. J. Ptolemy..	Winnipeg.....	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico....	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka.....	November 5, 1879
New York.....	John W. Harris..	Winnipeg.....	January 30, 1879
North Carolina..	William Crawford	Medicine Hat..	May 5, 1891
North Dakota..	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.....	January 5, 1899
Ohio.....	W. C. Copeland..	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon.....	Alex. L. Young...	Souris.....	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island...	James Geo. Dagg.	Selkirk.....	December 8, 1894
South Carolina..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Winnipeg.....	March 31, 1891
South Dakota..	Herbt. H. Goulter	Virden.....	December 1, 1897
Tennessee.....	Harry H. Campkin	Indian Head..	May 1, 1899
Texas.....	Henry Jas. Pugh..	Virden.....	April 3, 1899
Utah.....	Geo. B. Murphy..	Moosomin....	May 20, 1897
Vermont.....	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris.....	March 1, 1896
Virginia.....	Robt. Hill Myers.	Minnedosa....	December 30, 1898
Washington.....	Wm. E. Hazley...	Winnipeg.....	January 11, 1900
West Virginia..	William Fenwick.	Alexander.....	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin.....	William Braden..	Winnipeg.....	May 22, 1899

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of.	John McOuat....	Stony Mtn....	April 14, 1891
New So'h Wales.	Danl. H. McMillan	Winnipeg.....	June 24, 1899
New Zealand...	Thomas Tweed...	Medicine Hat.	February 25, 1893
South Australia.	Corbet Locke....	Morden.....	April 2, 1900
Victoria.....	Francis G. Lewin.	Moosomin....	February 14, 1894
West'n Australia	E. Nelson Brown.	Calgary.....	July 6, 1901

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GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Brandon, Province of Manitoba, on the afternoon of Friday, September 6th, A.D., 1901, A.L. 5901, at 3 o'clock.

PRESENT.

- M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas..... as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John Dickson..... as Deputy Grand Master.
W. " N, J. Halpin..... as Grand Senior Warden.
W. " Dr. MacDonald (N.S.)..... as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. T. J. Beaubier..... as Grand Treasurer.
" H. L. Adolph..... as Grand Secretary.
" Rev. McAdam Harding..... as Grand Chaplain.
" R. L. Kennedy..... as Grand Senior Deacon.
" W. A. MacHaffie..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. " L. M. Moore..... as Grand Registrar.
" Geo. Bennest..... as Grand Organist.
" A. H. Clark..... as Grand Steward.
" James Lindsay..... as Grand Steward.
R. W. " Alexander Burns..... as Grand Pursuivant.
" W. J. Lindsay..... as Grand Tyler.

and a large number of brethren from other lodges.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by M. W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, Past Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Matthew's Hall (Anglican) with Masonic ceremonies.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the Acting Grand Master and Acting Grand Officers, were received by the Rector of St. Matthew's Parish. Bro. The Rev. McAdam Harding and the office bearers of the Church, and took their positions on the platform.

The M. W. Past Grand Master then briefly addressed the audience, after which he proceeded as follows:—

Brethren : As Freemasons we are taught, that before entering upon any great and important undertaking, we should always invoke the Divine Blessing. Let us therefore unite with our Grand Chaplain in prayer to Almighty God.

Acting Grand Chaplain : Almighty God who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our supplication unto Thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy Servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world, knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The following ode was then sung:

Great Architect of Earth and Heaven,
By time nor space confined,
Enlarge our love to comprehend
Our brethren—all mankind.

Where'er we are, what'er we do,
Thy presence let us own;
Thine Eye, all-seeing, marks our deeds
To Thee all thoughts are known.

While nature's works and science's laws
We labor to reveal,
O! be our duty done to Thee,
With fervency and zeal.

With Faith our guide and humble Hope
Warm Charity and Love,
May all at last be raised to share
Thy perfect light above.

Grand Master.—R. W. Grand Treasurer: It has ever been the custom upon occasions like the present, to deposit within the cavity prepared for its reception, a casket containing certain memorials of the time in which we live, so that, should the lapse of years, the ruthless hand of ignorance, or devastations of war, lay bare these foundations, an enduring record may be found to bear testimony to the energy, industry, and culture of our time.

Has the deposit been prepared?

Grand Treasurer.—It has, M. W. Grand Master, and the various articles are safely enclosed in the casket now before you.

Grand Master.—R. W. Grand Secretary: You will read for the information of the Craft and the people here assembled, a record of the contents of the casket.

Bro. H. L. Adolph, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll and list about to be deposited in the cavity of the stone.

**IN THE NAME OF AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF
HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

ON THE 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 1901, A. L., 5901.

And in the 1st year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign
EDWARD VII.

King of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of the Dominion
of Canada.

**The Right Honorable Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of the Dominion
of Canada,**

Hon. D. H. McMillan, Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba,

Hon. R. P. Roblin, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

Most Rev. Robert, Mackray, D. D., Archbishop of Rupertsland.

**Rev. McAdam Harding, Dean of Brandon and Rector of St. Matthew's,
Brandon.**

Rev. Wm. Cassop, Curate of St. Matthew's, Brandon.

George R. Coldwell, Esq., and Dr. W. L. Harcourt, Church Wardens.

**M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba.**

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Deputy Grand Master.

- R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. A. Chisholm, Grand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Muir, D. D. G. M., 6th Masonic District.
 R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.
 M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. James Suttie, Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. Prof. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

THE CORNER STONE

of St. Matthew's Hall, Brandon,

Was laid by W. M. Bro. James Ovas, P. G. M., according to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft, which may God ever bless and prosper.

Contents of box placed in Corner Stone of St. Matthew's Hall, September, 6th, 1901.

1. List of members of Select Vestry of St. Matthew's Parish.
2. Clergy list for Arch Diocese of Rupertsland for 1901.
3. Archbishop of Rupertsland's address to Synod, 1901.
4. Photograph of Archbishop of Rupertsland, Primate of all Canada, and Prelate of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.
5. Order of Memorial Services performed February 2nd, 1901, at the time of the funeral of Queen Victoria.
6. Easter report of Churchwardens, 1901.
7. List of the Officers and Teachers of St. Matthew's Sabbath School.
8. Officers of Young People's Guild.
9. Officers of Ladies Aid.
10. Officers of Mite Society.
11. Officers of Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
12. Names of Mayor, Aldermen and City Officials of the City of Brandon, 1901.
13. Names of School Trustees, and of Officers of Board of Trade.
14. Photograph of St. Matthew's Church and Hall with names of Architect, Contractor, and Builder.
15. Copies of "Brandon Times," "Western Sun," and "Independence."

16. Book of Common Prayer, with Hymns, Ancient and Modern.
17. Book of Constitution, by-laws and list of Officers of Brandon Lodge, No. 19, A. F. and A. M.
18. Sample of No. 1 hard wheat.

Grand Master.—Brothers Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary: You will now deposit the casket in the cavity prepared for it, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, grant that ages shall pass away, ere it again be seen of men.

The Acting Grand Secretary and Acting Grand Treasurer, then deposited the casket in the cavity, during which the following ode was sung :

“Place we now the corner stone—
True and trusty brothers come
Let us bring with hearts sincere
Hands to help and voice to cheer.

Proved by the Grand Master's hand,
Long may this foundation stand !
May its superstructure rise
In grace and beauty 'neath the skies.

Let us join in songs of praise,
That a temple here we raise;
Hoping ages hence, 'twill prove
A home for Charity and Love.”

Grand Treasurer.—M. W. Grand Master, your order has been obeyed.

The Architect delivered the Square, Level and Plumb to the Grand Master, who presented them to the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively.

Grand Master.—Brothers Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens: You will receive these im-

plements of your respective offices. With your assistance and that of the brethren here assembled, I will now proceed to lay the corner stone of the edifice, here to be erected, according to the custom of our Ancient Craft.

The stone was then lowered with three distinct stops, into its proper place, during which the following hymn was sung:

Father of Love and Might,
Send forth Thy holy light,
On us to shine.
Be thou our Sovereign Lord,
And may Thy holy word
Be to us a Shield and Sword,
Master Divine.

Bound in one Brotherhood,
Owning one common blood,
Children of Thine.
Fill us with kindness,
Prompt to relieve distress,
Wearing Thy true impress,
Master Divine.

With joyful hands to-day,
This corner stone we lay,
With Corn, Oil and Wine,
But do Thou build up one,
Wrought in the living stone
Of our true hearts alone,
Master Divine.

Grand Master.—R.W. Deputy Grand Master: What is the proper jewel of your office?

Deputy Grand Master.—The Square.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

Deputy Grand Master.—Morally, it teaches us to square our actions by the bright rule of Virtue, and by it, we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Deputy Grand Master.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Senior Warden.—The Level.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Grand Senior Warden.—Morally it teaches us equality and by it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Grand Senior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Grand Junior Warden.—Morally it teaches us rectitude of life and conduct, and by it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Grand Junior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be plumb. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—This corner stone has been tested by the proper instruments of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare this corner stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient Craft. May the building, here to be erected, be conducted and completed amid the blessings of Plenty, Health and Peace. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Grand Master.—Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Deputy Grand Master came forward with a vessel of corn which he scattered on the stone saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us and upon this and all like undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country, and all

who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying:

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor, and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Response.—So mote it be.

Grand Master.—May the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy, together with all the necessities of life, abound abundantly among men throughout the whole world. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon this undertaking. May He protect the workmen from every accident. May the structure, here to be erected, be planned in Wisdom, supported by Strength, and adorned in Beauty. And may it long be preserved, as a monument of the energy and enlightened government, under whose protecting care it is our privilege to live. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Master then struck the corner stone three times with his gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Most Worshipful Grand Master; I Present to you Mr. W. H. Shillinglaw, the Architect of this building, who is ready with Craftsmen for the work.

Grand Master.—Worthy Sir: Having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid this corner stone, I now deliver these implements of operative masonry into your hands with the fullest confidence that, by your skill and tact, aided by faithful Craftsmen, a fabric will rise which shall add new lustre to this City and Province. May there be no envy, discord nor confusion, among the workmen. May the important duties confided to you be performed, not only to the satisfaction of those who have entrusted you with their fulfilment, but in such a manner as shall secure the approbation of your own conscience, and thereby redound to the honor of our common country.

Brother Grand Director of Ceremonies: You will make the proclamation.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, I now proclaim that the corner stone of the structure here to be erected, has this day been proved square, level and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft, by the Acting Grand Master of Masons.

ODE.

Corn, wine and oil, we've poured upon
 Our brethren's hope—the Corner stone,
 The work is well begun;
 May Wisdom, Strength and Beauty now
 Each, with it attributes endow
 That which is to be done.

And when our Temple is complete,
 Once more may all the brethren meet
 Its Halls to dedicate
 To Friendship, Virtue, Truth and Love,
 To Charity, and, all above,
 To God, the Good, the Great.

Appropriate addresses were then delivered by Secretary Kirchoffer, S. W. McInnis, M.P.P., W. Bro. Fraser, Mayor of the City of Brandon, Bro. Rev. M. Adam Harding, and the Acting Grand Master. The procession was then reformed and the brethren returned to the Lodge room.

Subsequently the following communication was received :

Brandon, Man., Sept. 11th, 1901.

James A. Ovas, Esq.,
 Winnipeg, Man.,

Dear Sir and Bro.—

At our regular communication held last evening, Bro. Rev. McAdam Harding, our Chaplain and the Rector of St. Matthew's Parish, addressed the Lodge on behalf of himself and of St. Matthew's parish, and extended thanks to the Lodge and desired that the thanks should be conveyed to the Grand Lodge, and expressed his appreciation, and the appreciation of his parishioners, of the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of St. Matthew's Hall by Past Grand Master Ovas, representing the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

He mentioned specially that he was delighted and pleased with the attendance, and the manner in which the ceremony was performed, and

especially was he pleased with the reverend and dignified demeanor of those who took part in the ceremony and of those in attendance in the Masonic procession. He congratulated the Masonic body upon the skilful way in which the ceremony and the work was performed, and I have very much pleasure in conveying these felicitous thanks and congratulations to you.

Yours fraternally,
H. L. ADOLPH,
Secretary Brandon Lodge, No 19.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in due form by the Acting Grand Master.



James A. Ows!

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, on the afternoon of Monday, December 9th, A. D., 1901, A. L., 5901, at 1.30 o'clock.

PRESENT.

M. W.	Bro Thomas Robinson	.....	as Grand Master.
M. W.	" C. N. Bell	.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
M. W.	" John Leslie	.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.	" Rev. A. Chisholm	.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.	" D. W. McDermid	.....	D. D. G. Master.
R. W.	" John McKechnie	.....	Grand Treasurer.
M. W.	" James A. Ovas	.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W.	" J. Malcolm Sutte	.....	Grand Registrar.
R. W.	" Rev. A. B. Baird	.....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W.	" W. A. Windatt	.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W.	" James Scroggie	.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W.	" W. F. J. Robertson	.....	Grand Organist.
V. W.	" E. O. Whealler	.....	Grand Pursuivant.
	" John McBride	.....	Grand Tyler.

M. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Past Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Past Grand Secretary, and brethren from the various Lodges and jurisdictions.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Past Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased Brother Most Worshipful The Very Rev. Dean James Dallas O'Meara, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge, paying a well deserved tribute to our deceased Brother.

The following oration was then delivered by the Rev. Dr. Pitblado, Past Grand Chaplain.

Most Worshipful Master and Brethren :—

This is a peculiarly sad and solemn moment in our experience. We are mourners for our dead brother who was lately living and working with stimulating cheerfulness and enthusiasm among us. Death touches our hearts with his cold, icy fingers. He has removed our friend and brother from among the living. James Dallas O'Meara is numbered with the dead, and we are here in the gloom of the grave to pay our sorrowful tribute of respect to his memory by observing the solemn funeral rites by which we are accustomed to consign our dead brethren to the keeping of the tomb. Tears rather than words would express the feelings of our hearts that are too full of grief to find adequate utterance in language. Helpless silence would be the best symbol of our deep sorrow in this trying hour. But perhaps the efforts to think and express our thoughts may give some ease to the pain of pent up emotions in our souls.

Our brother, James Dallas O'Meara, first saw the light of day on March 15, 1849. He saw the light of Masonry on June 9, 1873. In that light he has walked consistently for more than twenty-eight years of his natural life. On the 6th of December, 1901, his eyes closed forever in death.

Many dates in his college life, in his ecclesiastical preferment, in his public career, and in his Masonic history, it would be interesting to note, but they will be found more accurately than we could give them in the various sketches that record his biography. In the few words I have to utter, my object is not to compose a biography, but to secure meditation. It is not to trace the interesting steps of that busy and beneficial career which closed last Friday morning, but to express, if I can, our profound grief for the loss we have sustained by the death of our beloved brother. We are not here to go over the incidents of his noble life, that bestrewed his pathway with deeds of usefulness to his fellow men, but to mark and meditate upon the mournful fact of his sad death. We are not here to analyze and weigh the estimable qualities of his worthy and attractive character, but to impress on our memories the kindly recollections of the man who was our brother. We are not here even to write the epitaph of the husband, the father, the teacher, the preacher, the citizen, or the man, but to place a little garland of fond affection on our beloved brother's grave.

Green be the turf above thee,
 Friend of my early days,
 None knew thee but to love thee,
 None named thee but to praise.

Many fragrant memories cluster around the recollections of our dear departed brother. He touched our lives at many points in our sensitive experiences, and in our human activities. In church life he was a powerful personality; in the pulpit, as a preacher; in ecclesiastical courts, as a counsellor; in congregations as an organizer, and in missionary enterprises as an eloquent advocate and enthusiastic laborer, his influence was widely and favorably exerted. In educational work he was particularly prominent and active, as professor in St. John's College, as a member of various educational boards and committees and, as a member of the council of the University of Manitoba, he has left a deep and salutary impression on the educational life and institutions of this country. In social life he always brought good cheer and hearty fellowship with him into every company into which he came, and in this sphere he was a man who had many friends and no enemies. But it is especially as a man and a Mason that we should think and speak of him here. A true man in the vigor of life and a good Mason in the midst of useful work, has been stricken down among us. He is a brother and a friend that will be sadly missed at our gatherings. Few men knew the symbolism and none understood the spirit of our Order better than he did. He presided in the lodge room with dignity, and no better exemplification of the teachings of Masonry can be found anywhere than in the record of his life.

We think of him here as an enjoyable companion who shed the radiance of good cheer around him with the smile of his geniality. We think of him as the trustworthy friend in whom we could confide for sympathy and help in our time of need. We think of him as the scholarly and ready speaker to whom we always lent an attentive ear whether he spoke to us from the festive board, the platform or the pulpit. We think of him here as the assiduous worker who, with whole-souled, self-sacrifice, was always willing to lay himself on the altar of service for his God, his fellowmen or the Order which he loved so well, and emphatically do we think of him as the good Mason, who for more than twenty-eight years exemplified the principles of our Order in his life, and on whom his brethren who had found him faithful and worthy, conferred the highest positions of honor and trust in the gift of Masonry, and they found him to be a brother who never wilfully neglected a duty, betrayed a trust, or in any way brought discredit upon the institution that he so wisely and enthusiastically served. If there is one thing in his character that strikes us with force as we recall the activities of his busy life, it is his diligence. He was emphatically a great worker. Like the Master whom he desired to copy, he seemed to be going about continually doing good. And I know no higher eulogy that could be pronounced on any man, especially from the standpoint of Masonry, than to say he was a great and good worker. But now our brother has gone to rest and we can say: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly what he has given,
They live on earth in thought and deed as truly as in heaven.

We think of him here, too, as the devoted husband and the kind father, and our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the wife who has become a widow and the children who have become orphans, and we earnestly commend them to Him who is the Judge of the widow and the father of the fatherless in his holy habitation - beseeching Him to comfort the mourner and bind up the broken-hearted in this, the day of their sore bereavement. To each of them we say:—

We will not speak to thee, but sit
In prayerful silence by thy side;
Grief has its ebbs and flows; 'tis fit
Our love should wait the ebbing tide,
The Lord himself will comfort thee,
In His own time, in His own way,
And haply more than "two or three,"
Unite in prayer for thee to-day.

But we mourn not as those who have no hope. We not only trust in God, but we believe in the life hereafter. The grave to us is not the abyss of despair, but the doorway of hope. We think of our beloved brother, not as dead, but gone before, and if we copy him in his virtues, as he copied the Great Master, who conquered death and became the resurrection and the life for men—we may cherish the hope of soon meeting him where they hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat, for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Where the hidden wound is healed,
 Where the blighted light reblooms,
 Where the smitten heart the freshness
 Of its buoyant youth resumes ;
 Where the love that here we lavish
 On the withering leaves of time,
 Shall have fadeless flowers to fix on
 In an ever spring-bright clime ;
 Where we find the joy of living,
 As we never loved before.
 Loving on, unchilled, unhindered,
 Loving once and evermore ;
 Brother we shall meet and rest
 'Mid the holy and the blest.

At the conclusion of Dr. Pitblado's eulogy the Brethren formed in procession and proceeded to St. John's Cemetery where the remains of our deceased Past Grand Master were consigned to the grave with the usual Masonic honors.

At the close of the ceremonies at the cemetery the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple, when the following resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. John Leslie, seconded by R. W. Bro. John W. Harris, and

Resolved: That the Acting Grand Master appoint a committee to prepare a suitable resolution of condolence to the family of the late M. W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara.

The Acting Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, and W. Bro. G. F. Carruthers, a committee in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

It was moved by W. Bro. Carruthers, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, and

Resolved : That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Pitblado, for his excellent oration, and that the same be printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

To Mrs. O'Meara, Winnipeg:

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M., at a Special Communication held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, on the 9th of December, 1901, resolved by standing vote to express their regret which is felt throughout the Masonic Jurisdiction, at the untimely death of M.W. Bro. The Very Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D.

He had been a member of the Craft for twenty-eight years, and his membership was within this Jurisdiction throughout the whole period.

Wherever he was known he was loved by the Brethren for the geniality and friendliness of his disposition, and admired for the exemplification of the beauties of the Masonic Art, which he gave in his manner of life.

He successfully filled several offices leading up to and culminating in that of Grand Master, and during the whole course of his membership he occupied a place in Masonic affairs distinctly his own.

To him alone, among all the distinguished brethren, belonged the power of popularizing and making attractive the teachings of Masonry, calling brethren throughout the whole Jurisdiction to a higher appreciation of its noble truths; and all of this at the expense of much time given to the visitations of Lodges in distant parts of the Jurisdiction and beyond it.

The Brethren sympathize deeply with the family, which has been bereaved by the removal of a loving and kind husband and father, and in this way seek to communicate to them the assurance of their sincere prayer that the God of all comfort may cause the consolation to abound to them in their affliction.



R. S. THORNTON,
Grand Master.

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The proceedings being ended the Grand Lodge closed in due form by M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master.

Grand

GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the Town of Edmonton, District of Alberta, on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 29th, A.D., 1902, A.L. 5902, at 3 o'clock.

PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. Braithwaite as Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. C. W. Sutter as Deputy Grand Master.
 W. Bro. K. W. MacKenzie as Grand Senior Warden.
 W. Bro. G. W. Montgomery as Grand Junior Warden.
 W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop as Grand Secretary.
 Bro. J. A. McDougall as Grand Treasurer.
 W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg as Grand Senior Deacon.
 W. Bro. Wm. MacLaren as Grand Junior Deacon.
 W. Bro. G. H. Webb as Grand Orator.
 Bro. N. G. Ibbotson as Grand D. of C.
 Bro. H. A. Gray as Grand Chaplain.
 Bro. H. L. McInnis as Grand Organist.
 W. Bro. D. S. Mackenzie as Grand Steward.
 W. Bro. W. F. Timm as Grand Steward.
 Bro. C. H. S. Wade as Grand Deacon.
 Bro. T. G. Lauder as Grand Deacon.
 Bro. C. B. Beal as Grand Tyler.

Members of Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan.

Members of Acacia Lodge, Strathcona.

Members of Jasper Lodge, Edmonton.

Members of Edmonton Lodge, Edmonton.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by R. W. - Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Senior Warden, who announced that the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of the Edmonton Public School.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the Acting Grand Master and Acting Grand Officers were received by the chairman and members of the School Board, and took their positions on the platform.

The M. W. Past Grand Master then briefly addressed the audience, after which he proceeded as follows:—

Brethren : As Freemasons we are taught, that before entering upon any great and important undertaking, we should always invoke the Divine Blessing. Let us therefore unite with our Grand Chaplain in prayer to Almighty God.

Acting Grand Chaplain : Almighty God who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our supplication unto Thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy Servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world, knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The following ode was then sung:

Great Architect of Earth and Heaven,
By time nor space confined,
Enlarge our love to comprehend
Our brethren—all mankind.

Where'er we are, what'er we do,
Thy presence let us own;
Thine Eye, all-seeing, marks our deeds
To Thee all thoughts are known.

While nature's works and science's laws
We labor to reveal,
O! be our duty done to Thee,
With fervency and zeal.

With Faith our guide and humble Hope
Warm Charity and Love,
May all at last be raised to share
Thy perfect light above.

Grand Master.—R. W. Grand Treasurer: It has ever been the custom upon occasions like the present, to deposit within the cavity prepared for its reception, a casket containing certain memorials of the time in which we live, so that, should the lapse of years, the ruthless hand of ignorance, or the devastations of war, lay bare these foundations, an enduring record may be found to bear testimony to the energy, industry, and culture of our time.

Has the deposit been prepared?

Grand Treasurer.—It has, M. W. Grand Master, and the various articles are safely enclosed in the casket now before you.

Grand Master.—R. W. Grand Secretary : You will read for the information of the Craft and the people here assembled, a record of the contents of the casket.

W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll and list about to be deposited in the cavity of the stone.

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Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, Premier of the North-West Territories.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.

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R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Senior Warden

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor, D. D. G. Master.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. James M. Suttée, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

THE CORNER STONE

Of the Edmonton Public School

Was laid by R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Senior Warden,
according to the rules and usages of Our Ancient Craft,
which may God ever bless and prosper.

Contents of box placed in Corner Stone of the Edmonton
Public School.

1. History of the Town of Edmonton.
2. Names of the Mayor, Aldermen and Town Officials.
3. Names of School Trustees.
4. Names of Officials of Board of Trade.
5. Book of By-laws of the School Board.
6. Copies of the "Edmonton Bulletin" and "Edmonton Post"
7. Coins of the realm.
8. Canadian postage stamps.

Grand Master.—Brothers Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary: You will now deposit the casket in the cavity prepared for it, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, grant that ages shall pass away, ere it again be seen of men.

The Acting Grand Secretary and Acting Grand Treasurer, then deposited the casket in the cavity, during which the following ode was sung:

"Place we now the corner stone—
True and trusty brothers come
Let us bring with hearts sincere
Hands to help and voice to cheer.

Proved by the Grand Master's hand,
Long may this foundation stand!
May its superstructure rise
In grace and beauty 'neath the skies.

Let us join in songs of praise,
That a temple here we raise;
Hoping ages hence, 'twill prove
A home for Charity and Love."

Grand Treasurer.—M. W. Grand Master, your order has been obeyed.

The Architect delivered the Square, Level and Plumb to the Grand Master, who presented them to the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively.

Grand Master.—Brothers Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens: You will receive these implements of your respective offices. With your assistance and that of the brethren here assembled, I will now proceed to lay the corner stone of the edifice, here to be erected, according to the custom of our Ancient Craft.

The stone was then lowered with three distinct stops, into its proper place, during which the following hymn was sung:

Father of Love and Might,
Send forth Thy holy light,
On us to shine.
Be thou our Sovereign Lord,
And may Thy holy word
Be to us a Shield and Sword,
Master Divine.

Bound in one Brotherhood,
Owning one common blood,
Children of Thine.
Fill us with kindness,
Prompt to relieve distress,
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Master Divine.

With joyful hands to-day,
This corner stone we lay,
With Corn, Oil and Wine,
But do Thou build up one,
Wrought in the living stone
Of our true hearts alone,
Master Divine.

Grand Master.—R. W. Deputy Grand Master : What is **the** proper jewel of your office ?

Deputy Grand Master.—The Square.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Deputy Grand Master.—Morally, it teaches us to square **our** actions by the bright rule of Virtue, and by it, we prove **our** work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the **corner** stone, and make report.

Deputy Grand Master.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, **I** find the stone to be square. The Craftsmen have performed **their** duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden : **What** is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Senior Warden.—The Level.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic **uses** ?

Grand Senior Warden.—Morally it teaches us equality and **by** it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the **corner** stone, and make report.

Grand Senior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, **I** find the stone to be level. The Craftsmen have performed **their** duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden : **What** is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Treasurer.—M. W. Grand Master, your order has been obeyed.

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Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Deputy Grand Master.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Senior Warden.—The Level.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Grand Senior Warden.—Morally it teaches us equality and by it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Grand Senior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Grand Junior Warden.—Morally it teaches us rectitude of life and conduct, and by it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Grand Junior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be plumb. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—This corner stone has been tested by the proper instruments of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare this corner stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient Craft. May the building, here to be erected, be conducted and completed amid the blessings of Plenty, Health and Peace. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Grand Master.—Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Deputy Grand Master came forward with a vessel of corn which he scattered on the stone saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us and upon this and all like undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine, which he poured upon the stone, saying:

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country, and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying:

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor, and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Response.—So mote it be.

Grand Master.—May the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy, together with all the necessities of life, abound abundantly among men throughout the whole world. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon this undertaking. May He protect the workmen from every accident. May the structure, here to be erected, be planned in Wisdom, supported by Strength, and adorned in Beauty. And may it long be preserved, as a monument of

the energy and enlightened government, under whose protecting care it is our privilege to live. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Master then struck the corner stone three times with his gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Most Worshipful Grand Master; I present to you Mr. Johnston, the Architect of this building, who is ready with Craftsmen for the work.

Grand Master.—Worthy Sir: Having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid this corner stone, I now deliver these implements of operative masonry into your hands with the fullest confidence that, by your skill and tact, aided by faithful Craftsmen, a fabric will rise which shall add new lustre to this Town and District. May there be no envy, discord nor confusion, among the workmen. May the important duties confided to you be performed, not only to the satisfaction of those who have entrusted you with their fulfilment, but in such a manner as shall secure the approbation of your own conscience, and thereby redound to the honor of our common country.

Brother Grand Director of Ceremonies: You will make the proclamation.

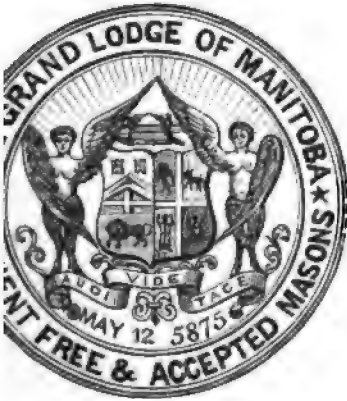
Grand Director of Ceremonies.—In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, I now proclaim that the corner stone of the structure here to be erected, has this day been proved square, level and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft, by the Acting Grand Master of Masons.

Appropriate addresses were then delivered by W. Bro. G. H. Webb, Grand Orator, and Mayor Short.

The procession was then re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in due form by the Acting Grand Master.



James A. O'Neil

Grand Secretary.



GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the Village of Carman, Province of Manitoba, on the afternoon of Friday, June 6th, A. D. 1902, A. L. 5902, at 4.30 o'clock.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton Grand Master.
 Bro. H. L. Rixon as Deputy Grand Master.
 W. Bro. M. E. DeMill as Grand Senior Warden.
 W. Bro. Richard Kellett as Grand Junior Warden.
 Bro. Frederick J. G. McArthur as Grand Treasurer.
 Bro. Alexander Armstrong as Grand Secretary.
 Bro. Isaac A. Fuller as Grand Chaplain.
 Bro. Henry Armstrong as Grand Senior Deacon.
 Bro. Malcolm McIvor as Grand Junior Deacon.
 Bro. H. E. Robison as G. D. of C.
 Bro. C. R. Taylor as Grand Steward.
 Bro. Henry J. Burton as Grand Steward.
 Bro. David Strain as Grand Pursuivant.
 Bro. Mitchell Hueston as Grand Tyler.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Carman Public School.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the Grand Master, and Grand Officers were received by J. H. Haverson, Esq., and took proper and convenient positions on the platform where the corner stone was to be laid.

The M.W. Grand Master then briefly addressed the audience, after which he proceeded as follows :—

Brethren : As Freemasons we are taught, that before entering upon any great and important undertaking, we should always invoke the Divine Blessing. Let us therefore unite with our Grand Chaplain in prayer to Almighty God.

Rev. A. Henderson, in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, then offered a prayer for a blessing on the work of building.

The following ode was then sung:

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By time nor space confined,
Enlarge our love to comprehend
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Thy presence let us own,
Thine Eye, all-seeing, marks our deeds
To Thee all thoughts are known.

While nature's works and science's laws
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Bro. Alexander Armstrong, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll and list about to be deposited in the cavity of the stone.

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Hon. R. P. Roblin, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

The Most Reverend Robert Machray, Archbishop of Rupertsland,
Rev. Prof. Hart, Prof. R. R. Cochrane, John Graham, Daniel
McIntyre, J. D. Hurst, Dr. J. R. Jones, Rev. Father Cher-
rier, Rev. Canon Matheson; W. P. Argue, secretary—Advisory
Board, Department of Education, Province of Manitoba.

T. J. Tait, Geo. Sexsmith, M. E. DeMill, Trustee Board, Carman
S. D. No. 176; Thos. Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer.

Frank Williams, Mayor of the Village of Carman; Gavin McClure,
John C. Laidlaw, T. J. Noble, R. H. Staples, Councillors;
Thos. Kernighan, Secretary-Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Joseph Cornell, District Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. James M. Suttie, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

THE CORNER STONE

of the Carman Public School was laid by M. W. Bro. Robert
Stirton Thornton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of the Public
School Board of School District No. 176, Carman, Manitoba, ac-
cording to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft, which may
God ever bless and prosper.

Contents of box placed in Corner Stone of the Carman Public School.

1. Names of all the children on the school roll.
2. Names of the several Teachers.
3. Names of the School Board.
4. Names of the Municipal Officers.
5. Copies of the "Carman Standard" and "Dufferin Leader."

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Master Divine.

Grand Master.—R. W. Deputy Grand Master : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Deputy Grand Master.—The Square.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Deputy Grand Master.—Morally, it teaches us to square our actions by the bright rule of Virtue, and by it, we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Deputy Grand Master.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Senior Warden.—The Level.

Grand Master,—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Grand Senior Warden.—Morally it teaches us equality, and by it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Grand Senior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden : What is the proper jewel of your office ?

Grand Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Master.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

Grand Junior Warden.—Morally it teaches us rectitude of life and conduct, and by it we prove our work.

Grand Master.—Apply the implement of your office to the corner stone, and make report.

Grand Junior Warden.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be plumb. The Craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master.—This corner stone has been tested by the proper instruments of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare this corner stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid, according to the rules of our ancient Craft. May the building, here to be erected, be conducted and completed amid the blessings of Plenty, Health and Peace. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

Grand Master.—Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Deputy Grand Master came forward with a vessel of corn which he scattered on the stone saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us and upon this and all like undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country, and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor, and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Response.—So mote it be.

Grand Master.—May the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy, together with all the necessities of life, abound abundantly among men throughout the whole world. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon this undertaking. May He protect the workmen from every accident. May the structure, here to be erected, be planned in Wisdom, supported by Strength, and adorned in Beauty. And may it long be preserved, as a monument of the energy and enlightened government, under whose protecting care it is our privilege to live. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Master then struck the corner stone three times with his gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Most Worshipful Grand Master: I present to you Mr. Watson, the Architect of this building, who is ready with Craftsmen for the work.

Grand Master.—Worthy Sir: Having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid this corner stone, I now deliver these implements of operative masonry into your hands with the fullest confidence that, by your skill and tact, aided by faithful Craftsmen, a fabric will rise which shall add new lustre to this City and Province. May there be no envy, discord nor confusion, among the workmen. May the important duties confided to you be performed, not only to the satisfaction of those who have entrusted you with their fulfilment, but in such a manner as shall secure the approbation of your own conscience, and thereby redound to the honor of our common country.

Brother Grand Director of Ceremonies: You will make the proclamation.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, I now proclaim that the corner stone of the

structure here to be erected, has this day been proved square, level and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft, by the Grand Master of Masons.

Appropriate addresses were then delivered by the M. W. Grand Master, and Stewart Mulvey, Esq., Sec.-Treas. Winnipeg School Board.

The procession was then re-formed, and the brethren returned to the Lodge room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The proceedings being ended the Grand Lodge was closed in due form by M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.



James A. Ows!

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Communication of the M - V
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons was opened in the city Hall, at the city of Calgary,
District of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 11th, A. L. 5902,
A. D. 1902.

PRESENT

M. W. Bro.	R. S. Thornton (40), Deloraine	Grand Mas	le
R. W. "	R. Hill Myers (14), Minnedosa, Deputy Grand Mas	le	
R. W. "	E. A. Braithwaite (53), Edmonton, Gr. Sen. Ward	le	
R. W. "	Rev. A. Chisholm (15), Macgregor, Gr. Jun. Ward	le	
R. W. "	John Wemyss (24), Neepawa	D.D.G. Mast	le
R. W. "	Isaac Leese (50), Killarney	D.D.G. Mast	le
R. W. "	H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head ...	D.D.G. Mast	le
R. W. "	O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Anthracite ...	D.D.G. Mast	le
R. W. "	Wm. Crawford (31), Medicine Hat ...	D.D.G. Mast	le
R. W. "	R. A. Cowan (79), Dawson	D.D.G. Mast	le
R. W. "	Hedley Clar. Taylor (53), Edmonton, D.D.G. Mast	le	
R. W. "	John M. Kechnie (11), Winnipeg	Grand Treasur	le
M. W. "	James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg	Grand Secretar	le
R. W. "	James M. Suttce (3), Winnipeg	Grand Registr	le
	J. Hinchliffe (73), Red Deer	as Grand Chapla	le
V. W. "	J. Grant Gordon (28), Calgary, Grand Senior Deac	le	
V. W. "	James Scroggie (10), Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deac	le	

V. W.	"	James Montgomery (35), Moosomin, Grand D. of C.
W.	"	H. E. Hayne (61), Regina as Grand Organist.
V. W.	"	J. H. Anderson (30), Manitou Grand Steward.
V. W.	"	E. A. Struthers (62), Russell Grand Steward.
V. W.	"	Geo. H. Webster (60), Calgary Grand Steward.
W.	"	D. S. McKenzie (66), Strathcona, as Grand Steward.
R. W.	"	Geo. W. Baker (10), Winnipeg ... as Grand Pursuivant.
	"	R. H. Finch (60), Calgary as Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro.	Thomas Tweed (31), Past Grand Master.
M. W.	" D. J. Goggin (10) Past Grand Master.
A. W.	" James A. Ovas (27) Past Grand Master.
Z. W.	" M. Lawrie (8) Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" George W. Baker (10) Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" Willard C. Copeland (25) ... Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" Eustace Cope (29) Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" F. S. Proctor (32) Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" John L. Campbell (54) ... Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" John de Sousa (28) Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" H. H. Campkin (33) Past D. D. Grand Master.
Z. W.	" J. Obed Smith (1) Past Grand Registrar.
Z. W.	" Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15) ... Past Grand Chaplain.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES.

Nova Scotia	R. W. Bro. John Wemyss Neepawa.
Connecticut	R. W. " George W. Baker Winnipeg.
Idaho	W. " John R. Grant Winnipeg.
Kansas	M. W. " James A. Ovas Winnipeg.
Maine	M. W. " Robert S. Thornton ... Deloraine.
Michigan	R. W. " John McKechnie Winnipeg.
New Hampshire ...	M. W. " D. J. Goggin Regina.
North Carolina ...	R. W. " Wm. Crawford ... Medicine Hat.
New Zealand	M. W. " Thomas Tweed ... Medicine Hat.
Ohio	R. W. " Willard C. Copeland ... Winnipeg.
Prince Edward Island,	W. " John J. Jackson Winnipeg.
Tennessee	R. W. " H. H. Campkin ... Indian Head.
Virginia	R. W. " R. Hill Myers Minnedosa.
Western Australia,	R. W. " E. N. Brown Calgary.

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS.

W. Bro.	John J. Jackson	...	...	...	(1)
R. W.	J. Obed Smith	...	...	...	(1)
R. W.	John McKechnie	...	...	...	(1)
W.	A. W. R. Markley	...	...	...	(3)
W.	H. Cockman	...	...	...	(3)
W.	John Persse	...	...	...	(3)
V. W.	John Thompson	...	...	...	(3)
R. W.	J. Malcolm Suttie	...	...	...	(3)
R. W.	M. Lawrie	...	...	...	(8)
W.	James Law Lawrie	...	...	...	(8)
R. W.	George W. Baker	...	...	...	(10)
V. W.	James Scroggie	...	...	...	(10)
W.	John R. Grant	...	...	...	(10)
M. W.	D. J. Goggin	...	...	...	(10)
R. W.	R. Hill Myers	...	...	...	(14)
R. W.	John Wemyss	...	...	...	(24)
R. W.	Willard C. Copeland	...	...	...	(25)
M. W.	James A. Ovas	...	...	...	(27)
V. W.	J. Grant Gordon	...	...	...	(28)
R. W.	John de Sousa	...	...	...	(28)
R. W.	E. Nelson Brown	...	...	...	(28)
W.	Bro. G. Macdonald	...	...	...	(28)
W.	James Brayden	...	...	...	(28)
R. W.	Eustace Cope	...	...	...	(29)
V. W.	John H. Anderson	...	...	...	(30)
W.	R. W. McClung	...	...	...	(30)
R. W.	Wm. Crawford	...	...	...	(31)
M. W.	Thos. Tweed	...	...	...	(31)
W.	W. T. Finlay	...	...	...	(31)
R. W.	F. S. Proctor	...	...	...	(32)
R. W.	H. H. Campkin	...	...	...	(33)
W.	A. C. Patterson	...	...	...	(34)
W.	John Tucker	...	...	...	(35)
V. W.	James Montgomery	...	...	...	(35)
W.	Robert Patterson	...	...	...	(37)
M. W.	R. S. Thornton	...	...	...	(40)
W.	John W. Fleetwood	...	...	...	(41)
R. W.	O. E. S. Whiteside	...	...	...	(42)
R. W.	Hamilton Lang	...	...	...	(42)
W.	H. J. Richardson	...	...	...	(42)
W.	T. E. Wilson	...	...	...	(42)

W.	"	A. R. Dempster	(45)
W.	"	Wm. Cairns	(49)
R. W.	"	Rev. A. Chisholm	(49)
R. W.	"	Isaac Leece	(50)
W.	"	Richard Shore	(52)
W.	"	Geo. T. Bragg	(53)
R. W.	"	H. C. Taylor	(53)
R. W.	"	E. A. Braithwaite	(53)
R. W.	"	John L. Campbell	(54)
W.	"	S. J. Carey	(58)
W.	"	Geo. May	(60)
W.	"	F. F. Higgs	(60)
W.	"	D. W. Gillies	(60)
V. W.	"	G. W. Webster	(60)
W.	"	R. M. Kirkpatrick	(60)
W.	"	H. E. Hayne	(61)
V. W.	"	E. A. Struthers	(62)
W.	"	M. J. Macleod	(65)
W.	"	Wm. McLaren	(66)
W.	"	D. S. McKenzie	(66)
W.	"	S. P. Fream	(73)
R. W.	"	R. A. Cowan	(79)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with prayer by Bro. Geo. J. Hinchliffe.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor, (32), seconded by W. Bro. John R. Grant, (10), the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of R. W. Geo. W. Baker, (10), seconded by W. Bro. John Wemyss, (24), the minutes of the proceed-

ings of the Grand Lodge at the 26th Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 12th and 13th days of June, 1901, were taken as read and confirmed.

His Worship Mayor Underwood accompanied by C. McMillan, Esq., City Clerk, were announced, introduced and read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

Gentlemen,—We the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Calgary, on behalf of our citizens, desire to avail ourselves of this your first official visit to offer you a sincere and hearty welcome.

We desire also to thank you for the compliment which you have paid us in selecting our City for the annual meeting of your Grand Lodge.

We trust that your visit to Calgary may be of the most pleasant character and that you will carry away with you a kindly remembrance not only of your Brethren here, but also of our citizens generally, on whose behalf we again bid you welcome.

Signed, THOMAS UNDERWOOD, Mayor.
 C. McMILLAN, City Clerk.

The M. W. Grand Master, having made a suitable response the deputation withdrew.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton. then read his annual address, as follows :—

Brethren:—

It is again my pleasing duty to welcome the Brethren of this Grand Lodge in Annual Session, and to express the confident hope that our meeting together will be pleasant to ourselves and result in profit to the Craft. We meet again with gratitude in

our hearts to the All Wise Providence who has blessed our Jurisdiction with material prosperity and prospered us as an organization.

The circumstances under which we meet make this an auspicious occasion. On the eve of the coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty, peace has again come to the Empire of which we form a part. This Canada of ours, and especially this western portion to which we belong, is advancing with rapid strides and we meet for the first time as a Grand Lodge in this prosperous city of Calgary, the western metropolis of the prairie.

At the same time the note of sadness creeps in as we remember that Time with his scythe never rests, and has removed from our midst some of those who have usually met with us on these occasions. The committee on fraternal dead will pay fitting tribute to the memory of these brothers. From the ranks of the Grand Lodge Officers, we mourn the untimely decease of Most Worshipful Brother, Rev. Dean O'Meara, Past Grand Master. A special meeting of Grand Lodge was summoned for the funeral, and on that occasion appropriate eulogies were passed on the life of our late brother, and on the services rendered by him to the Craft. These have been duly recorded in the minutes of that special meeting and will be published in the proceedings. But on this annual occasion we once more add our tribute of respect to departed merit, and express our sympathy with his bereaved family.

At the request of several brethren, I appointed a committee to prepare some permanent testimony to the memory of our late brother, and this committee will report in due course.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I had hoped to follow out the precedent of last year by holding Lodges of instruction in the several districts, and had, indeed, made preliminary arrangements for that purpose, but as the time for these meetings drew near I found it impossible to do so, and had, reluctantly, to abandon the idea. I however, held one at Napinka, District No. 4, and another at Carman, District No. 3, the latter being on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the public school at that place.

DEPOSITION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

A complaint was laid before me by the Past Masters of a Lodge, to the effect that the Master had been intoxicated in the

Lodge Room and in other places. A committee of Past Masters was appointed to collect evidence, the District Deputy Grand Master acting as Chairman, and the charge being supported, the Master was removed from office.

During the proceedings on this case another arose. Two members who were called to give evidence before the committee ignored the summons. A special summons was served, and the brethren still not appearing, they were suspended from membership for three months.

A refusal to obey a summons of this kind is to be regarded as a serious offence which, when deliberate, should never be overlooked. No one should be permitted to evade his plain duty to the Craft, of which he is a member. Freemasonry possesses great and invaluable privileges, but it should ever be remembered that privileges and responsibilities go hand in hand, and we should never forget, while enjoying its benefits and appreciating its value, the duties we owe to the order.

Except for this incident, the discharge of the duties of this office has been pleasant and harmonious. There has been the usual routine of dispensations necessary to overcome difficulties, all duly provided for in the constitution. A list of these, together with those for formation of new lodges, will be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

Before closing this report I wish to record my appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by M. W. Bro. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

The year has been one of steady and quiet progress, with little to record. Carlyle says: "Happy the people whose annals are blank in history books," and a similar remark will fittingly describe the present condition of Masonry in this Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Our present meeting at Calgary, with the large representation of western members, is a significant index of our growth. The territory which we cover has entered on a period of unprecedented activity and development, and our institution is keeping pace with it, diffusing its principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. THORNTON,

Grand Master_____

On motion of W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

Winnipeg, June 9th., 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, I have the honor to make report upon the progress and condition of Masonry in this District.

The reports required under the constitution to the Deputy from the Lodges of the District have all been received with three exceptions, viz.: Lisgar No. 2, King Solomon's No. 8 and Stonwall No. 12. The reports of the other seven lodges have been received and the information required for the statistical report very fully given.

The condition of Masonry in the District shown by these reports is very satisfactory on the whole, only one lodge having poor prospects. The financial statements are likewise satisfactory, the total assets over liabilities being in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Only one Lodge shows a liability and that only for the small amount of \$37.00. During the year four lodges disbursed for relief \$344.20, as follows:— Prince Ruperts, \$109.10; Ancient Landmark, \$50.00; St. John's, \$63.45; Ionic, \$25.00 and East Star, \$96.65. I think the latter Lodge deserves congratulations that with a small membership of 23 and not overly bright prospects for its future, should be second on the list in relief of the poor.

The total arrearages of the seven lodges reporting, amounts to \$1,306.25. This is a very large sum and must be evidence of neg-

lect somewhere. One city lodge alone has arrears to the extent of \$513.00, while another lodge, Ancient Landmark, has the proud record of not one member being behind in dues. I feel it is a special privilege to be able to congratulate the members of this lodge upon this feature of its report.

I desire to call attention to two questions which are included in the form furnished to lodges making up their statistical report as being misleading on account of their indefiniteness. I refer to the two following questions: "Date when June returns were sent to Grand Secretary" and "Date when December returns were sent to Grand Secretary." I am not sure if the correct answer is given in any case. I think it would be well to revise several other questions in this form.

I regret to say that I have been unable to personally inspect all the lodges of the District. I had the privilege of making an official visit to all the city lodges as well as to East Star Lodge of Gretna, when they held a joint meeting on December 27th, for the purpose of installation. There was a large attendance from all the city lodges who assisted in the formal ceremonial which elevated six brothers to the dignity of Worshipful Masters. The ceremony was conducted by M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson and ably assisted by brothers well experienced in the ceremonials of the Craft.

It was my pleasure to make a short address, in which I complimented M. W. Bro. Robinson and his assistants upon the excellence of their work. I also gave the members generally some advice upon deportment and the spirit of brotherhood that should be observed among Masons.

I paid visits to Prince Rupert's, as well as Ancient Landmark, at their regular meetings, when I witnessed in both cases the conferring of the first degree. The work was admirably done in both cases by the Masters of the Lodges and every officer performed his duty with exceptional ability. What pleases me more than anything else in the conferring of degrees is the decorum and order which prevails during labor and the dignified tone of the whole ceremony. The impression under such conditions lends a charm and gives an impression that must be lasting to the newly-received aspirant for Masonic honors.

My health, as well as urgent duties, have in a large measure prevented me from more fully inspecting the work of the district.

It is with exceeding regret, too, that I cannot be present at this communication of the Grand Lodge to renew associations of the past and gain that help that always comes from being present upon such occasions. With every wish for a successful meeting.

Yours fraternally,

D. W. McDERMID, D.D.G.M.,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

Neebawa, Man., 20th May, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

As D. D. G. M. of the second Masonic District I beg to submit the following report:—

Harmony has, throughout the year, continued in the District; the ritualistic work is, as a whole, very well done and the interest shown in the work of individual lodges and in Masonry in general, is satisfactory. The district shows a net gain of 36 in membership during the year. The books of all the Lodges in the District are well kept, with the exception of the historical register which is habitually neglected by the oldest lodges. As each successive year rolls by the work of compiling an accurate account of the Lodges' history becomes increasingly difficult and should not any longer be neglected.

1. Vermilion Lodge No. 68—I went to Dauphin for the purpose of visiting this Lodge at its regular meeting in September. As, however, the brethren decided that owing to the absence of the W. M., they would not hold a meeting, I had no opportunity of seeing their work.

As this is a young Lodge and as my immediate predecessor's visit was as unsuccessful as my own, it is especially desirable that my successor be given an opportunity of seeing the brethren at work. This Lodge has made a very satisfactory increase during the year, having added 10 to its roll, but the number of members twelve months in arrears is too large, forming as they do one third of the total membership.

2. Assiboine Lodge, No. 7. My visit to this lodge was paid at its regular meeting in November. During the day the Brethren had been attending the obsequies of Bro. Wm. Garland, one of their most valued members and this militated against a successful meeting in the evening. This Lodge is the largest and most wealthy in the District, numbers on its roll some of the ablest members of the Craft in the Province and has an excellent Lodge room, but is at present passing through one of those phases of reaction which is inevitable in the life of every organization.

3. Carberry Lodge, No. 29. had the pleasure of visiting at its regular meeting in October.

There being no work before the Lodge, the brethren kindly exemplified the third degree, which was given in a very creditable manner. This lodge had not been very active, but has more recently been kept fairly busy and has, according to the Secretary's report added six to its roll during the year.

4. Gothic Lodge, No. 75. I visited at its regular meeting in November. This is the youngest Lodge in the District and while the work done by the members is not perfect, it is highly creditable more especially taking into consideration its youth. The members are earnest and enthusiastic and the rates of the average attendance to the total membership is most excellent. It is to be hoped that the officers of the lodge will be able to hold the interest of the members as the available material to replace the inevitable loss in course of time does not appear to be large.

5. Temple Lodge No. 49. My visit to this lodge was also paid at its regular meeting in November, when I had the pleasure of R. W. Bro. G. S. Macgregor's company. The institution of Gothic Lodge was a severe strain on this lodge, as the charter members of Gothic Lodge were drawn from its roll. The older lodge is, however, fast recovering from what must have been a heavy drain on it and the relations between the two lodges are of the most friendly nature. The work in Temple Lodge is very satisfactory done and the attendance is good.

6. Gladstone Lodge No. 11. I visited the brethren of this lodge at their regular meeting in January and found the lodge in charge of its recently installed officers, who, considering that it was the first night in their respective chairs, conducted the opening and closing ceremonies very creditably. The second degree was com-

ferred on a candidate. This is a lodge working under the York Rite and the Middle Chamber work was given to the candidates particularly well by R. W. Bro. Macgregor. This lodge has been rather dormant for some years, but the indications are that the increased prosperity of the town will bring with it an increased activity in lodge work.

7. Neepawa Lodge No. 24. This being my own lodge I have attended its meetings regularly, but visited it officially on 27th December, when assisted by R. W. Bros. Macgregor and Fenwick and V. W. Bro. Hazelton I installed the new officers. The work in this lodge, which also uses the York Rite, was never in its history better done, nor has there ever been a greater interest taken by its members in Masonry, the average attendance for the past year being over 25, out of a membership of about 50.

In closing my report I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of this district for the uniform kindness and courtesy which was everywhere accorded to me.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN WEMYSS, D.D.G.M.,
Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Wawanesa, Man., May 15th, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District:—

The several Lodges in the District were visited officially during the past year, and I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the kind and courteous reception accorded me by the brethren throughout the District, as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

My official visits were made on the dates set opposite the names of the different Lodges, as follows:—

Oakland, No. 9, April 15th, Emergent meeting.

Glenboro, No. 48, March 20th, Emergent meeting; and April 14th, Regular meeting.

Treherne, No. 51, March 21st., Regular meeting.

Holland, No. 63, March 19th, Regular meeting.

Wawanesa, No. 67, December 27th, Festival meeting.

Shiloh, No. 70, March 27th, Regular meeting.

I had intended visiting Oakland Lodge, No. 9, on the occasion of its Regular meeting on March 18th, but owing to the snow blockade I could not reach Carman that day, and was obliged to request that an Emergent Meeting be called for April 15th. There was a good attendance of both members and visitors at this meeting and every evidence of harmony. This lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition, and with its membership of 54 should be the banner lodge of the District. The average attendance of members at its meetings is, however, disappointing. This evident lack of interest is discouraging to the officers, and it is to be deplored as is also the number of members one year and over in arrears for dues, the latter being largely the result of non-attendance. The annual dues of this lodge are only \$3.00 per year, and there is very little excuse for the members being in arrears. The lodge was unfortunate in the removal to Holland of its Secretary, Bro. Smith, shortly after his installation, and I did not find the books in the condition they should have been in, but have no doubt this will be remedied without delay. I trust W. Bro. Jamieson will succeed in awaking the brethren to a fuller appreciation of the privilege of membership in a Lodge of Masons, as well as of their duty in respect to attendance at its meetings and the payment of their dues. There were no candidates for degrees on the occasion of my visit to this Lodge, but I would judge from the information that I was able to gather, and the manner in which the Lodge was opened and closed, that the officers are familiar with the ritual and quite capable of conferring the several degrees impressively. A more thorough knowledge of the laws and usages of Masonry, written and unwritten, on the part of both officers and members of this Lodge would be a material factor in placing it in the position it should occupy in the jurisdiction.

It affords me a great deal of gratification to be able to report a decided change for the better in the condition of Glenboro Lodge, No. 48. Information that I was able to obtain from a number of the members of that Lodge convinced me that there was no reason why its charter should be either surrendered or arrested, and

at my request a meeting was called for the evening of March 19th for the purpose of discussing the question. This was the first meeting that had been held for nearly two years. There were a sufficient number of the members present to indicate that interest in Masonry was still alive in Glenboro and the expressions of regret on the part of the brethren that the Lodge should have been allowed to drift into a dormant condition and of determination to bring it back to its former state of activity and prosperity satisfied me that the time had arrived for a revival of interest and a resuscitation of the Lodge.

Accompanied by several of the Wawanesa brethren I visited Glenboro again on April 14th, that being the date of the Regular Meeting, and on this occasion a number of the Holland and Treherne brethren were present, among whom were R. W. Brothers Crawley and Robson, D.D.G.M's. This was a rousing meeting, and two applications for membership were received, and I learn that there was a good attendance again at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on May 12th. There does not appear to be any reason for apprehension as to the future of this Lodge, but I would commend it to the watchful care of my successor, and solicit for the Glenboro brethren every encouragement from the brethren of neighboring Lodges. I am informed by the Secretary that the arrearages of dues are being paid and that the finances of the Lodge will soon be in good shape.

In regard to Treherne, No. 51, Holland, No. 63, Wawanesa, No. 67, and Shiloh, No. 70, it is hardly necessary to particularize. These Lodges are all in an active condition and doing good work. The officers are zealous in the performance of their duties and seem to be fairly well supported by the members. I have had opportunities of seeing degrees conferred in each of these Lodges, and in every case the work has been done in a manner to leave the proper impression on the candidate by either the Worshipful Master or a Past Master of the Lodge.

I have pleasure in referring to the showing made by Treherne, No. 51, in respect to arrearages of dues, there being on the 31st of March no members one year in arrears. This is a remarkably good showing and reflects credit on the brethren who have had the financial affairs of the Lodge in charge as well as on the individual members.

Wawanesa, No. 67, shows too large an amount of arrearages for its membership, but I understand the amount includes the

dues for the current half year, which are charged up to the accounts of the members in advance, at the rate of \$5.00 per annum, a considerable proportion of which will no doubt be paid before the expiration of the half year.

I have endeavored to impress upon the officers and members of the several Lodges the wisdom of keeping a close check on those who are inclined to get in arrears for dues with a view to preventing any large amount from accruing against any brother, and avoiding the necessity for suspensions for N. P. D. A brother who is financially unable to pay his dues should be given an example of Masonic charity and have them remitted, while those who are able but will not pay, might well be spared from the membership of their Lodge, and every effort should be made to effect a settlement and grant them their dimits, allowing them to retire honorably from the Lodge, and much as I deplore the practice of non-affiliation a non-affiliate is in my opinion to be preferred to a brother under suspension, and suspension should think be resorted to only when other means of effecting a settlement of a brother's account with the Lodge have failed.

I have also called attention to the advisability of keeping Lodge property well insured against loss from fire, which some of the Lodges have not been doing, pointing out the serious loss that has been experienced in many cases through neglect in this respect.

While there is a commendable desire in most of the Lodges to excel in the ritualistic work, there does not seem to be any great effort made by the majority of officers to inform themselves and the brethren upon interesting legal and historical points. I have pointed out that in the absence of other Masonic works a study of the constitution and the different charges therein would be of inestimable assistance to the individual member in giving him a better understanding of his duty to his Lodge, to the craft generally and to himself; as well as assisting the officers to steer clear of the many rocks and shoals on which many Lodges have been wrecked.

Pursuant to your instructions and by authority of your Letter of Dispensation, I visited Cypress River on the 13th day of May and instituted Cypress Lodge, U. D. There were about thirty brethren present on this occasion, Glenboro, Holland and Wawanesa being well represented. This Lodge starts with a small membership, but with every prospect of an early and substantial in

crease. With W. Bro. Skulrood as first Worshipful Master, the Lodge is in good hands and I predict for it a prosperous and successful future.

I feel it is my duty to draw attention, before closing this report, to the evident necessity that exists for more uniform methods of keeping the accounts and records of the different Lodges, similar conditions in regard to which no doubt prevail in the other Masonic Districts.

The difficulty experienced by a majority of the rural Lodges in getting from year to year brethren to fill the office of Secretary who possess the qualifications necessary for the proper performance of the duties pertaining to that office, results in an endless variety of methods, good, bad and indifferent. Brethren who can and do fill most creditably any other office in the Lodge, are unable to grapple successfully with the Secretaryship. This is especially noticeable in the writing up of the historical registers, some of which give a fairly accurate history of the formation and progress of the Lodge, while others are woefully deficient as historical records. This deficiency is due in a majority of cases to the inadaptation of the Secretaries for work of that description, and in others to the Lodge records having been at some time destroyed by fire, making it practically impossible to afterwards write up the history of a Lodge suffering such a loss. Being convinced that the condition of a lodge depends very largely upon the manner in which the Secretary's duty is performed, and that apparent neglect of duty is more often due to want of knowledge and proper conception of its importance than to anything else, I am prompted to suggest that a manual be prepared containing clear and concise instructions as to how the business affairs of a Lodge should be conducted, the manner in which the different books and forms are intended to be used, a simple form for keeping lodge accounts, and the proper procedure to be followed by the Secretary in the performance of his various duties, with a reference to the different Sections of the Constitution governing the same. While such a manual of ready reference might not be necessary in many cases, it would be of incalculable assistance to the average Secretary, and conduce to uniformity and correctness in the accounts and records of the different Lodges.

It is also very difficult for many of the rural Lodges to provide a fireproof repository for their books and records to which the Secretary can at all times have access, and I would suggest

that the expediency of having as many of those records sent to the Grand Lodge vaults for safe-keeping, be taken into consideration, also the practicability of having the historical registers written up in the Grand Secretary's office from the records sent in and the information furnished by the Lodges. I am confident that the Lodges would, if necessary, willingly pay a reasonable amount per annum for the security of their records and for the inestimable service that would be rendered them from having their historical registers properly written up.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere regret Most Worshipful Grand Master, that you were unable to hold one or more Lodges of Instruction in this District last winter, as was your intention. Such gatherings of the Craft are most valuable in stimulating interest, thought and discussion, and creating a better appreciation and understanding of the true principles and fraternity of Masonry.

Faternally submitted,

JOS. CORNELL, D.D.G.M.,

Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Holmfild, Man., June 1st, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I beg to submit for your perusal the following report of the Fourth Masonic District:—

During my term as D. D. G. M. I have visited every Lodge in the District, and found the utmost good fellowship existing among the brethren. At any Lodge I didn't see or hear anything which would lead me to suppose otherwise than that the greatest harmony prevailed.

As you will see by the accompanying statistical report, there is a fair increase in membership and the financial standing of the Lodges is good. And as there is just the possibility of the

nger Lodges being too anxious to increase their membership, we advised them that it were better to go easy than to accept applicant for initiation in whom there is the remotest chance of bringing discredit on the Lodge, or disgrace to the order. I am used to find the baby Lodges of District No. 4, "Crystal" and "Pinka" are keeping this object in view.

During the 30 years of my Masonic life, the thought has often occurred to me; but, never more forcibly than during the past year, in visiting the several Lodges, that besides it being compulsory on a brother to occupy a Warden's chair before he is eligible for position of Worshipful Master, he should also of necessity fill the position of Secretary for a like period, for that is the one and only place where he can obtain a sure and practical knowledge of the business part of Masonic Lodge work; and I am sure there are occasions when Most Worshipful Bro. Ovas will feel inclined to embrace this idea.

A very noticeable thing is the few Past Masters in attendance at Lodge meetings, and by looking back over previous meetings recorded in the Tyler's book, though some Lodges have a good array of P. M's., they are mainly conspicuous by their absence. They should not be, they are the Fathers of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Officers and brethren look to them for counsel, advice, and instruction; and to take so little interest in the Lodge and its work, after receiving at the hands of the brethren the highest honor in the power of the Lodge to confer upon one of its members, is a poor return for the compliment.

Taken on the whole the ritual is not well worked, not very uniform in its character, each Lodge apparently having a style or emblem of its own, patented by and to itself. This, of course, is avoidable in rural districts, especially where visiting is rare, unless some scheme could be devised whereby Ritualistic instruction could be given regularly.

The books, with rare exceptions are neatly kept and written up to date of previous meeting. At some Lodges I have had to draw the attention of the Secretaries, to the importance of keeping fully posted, the register at the beginning of each member's amount in the Ledger; and also the Historic record of the Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren of District No. 4, through this report, my appreciation of the honor they confer upon me by choosing me for their D. D. G. M. for the past year; and the kind manner in which they one and all received me

upon the occasion of my official visit. Also for the fraternal spirit in which any suggestions I expressed were entertained.

I have the honor, to be, Most Worshipful Grand Master, yours truly and fraternally,

ISAAC LEECE, D.D.G.M.,
Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Birtle, Manitoba, May 30th, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District I respectfully report as follows:—

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. I visited this Lodge on April 22nd, and found everything in excellent condition under the care of W. Bro. J. S. Armitage, the W. M. who is a zealous Mason. There was no degree work on the evening of my visit, but I am satisfied that the officers are well up in that respect.

This Lodge has an excellent field for its operations. The books are neatly and correctly kept.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, Rapid City. I visited this Lodge on April 23rd, and found that the W. M. had resigned his charge on account of him leaving the District, but they will hold a new election as soon as a dispensation can be procured. I found everything prosperous and in good condition. There was a fair attendance. The books are neatly and well kept.

Birtle Lodge, No. 39, Birtle. As this is the Lodge of which I am a member, and also its Secretary, I did not visit it officially. I am constant in my attendance at its meetings. Although new members are scarce, the officers are proficient in the ritualistic work, and keep themselves so by exemplifying a degree at regular meetings..

Russell Lodge, No. 62, Russell. I visited this Lodge on April 21st. This Lodge still maintains its good position. Although there are no new members the old members are as enthusiastic as ever and are well prepared for a rush of work when it comes. The books are well kept.

Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, Yorkton. I visited this Lodge on April 28th, and made careful inspection and found the books well and correctly kept. The brethren are enthusiastic and good work is being done. The work has been done by a Past Master, the W. M. elect had not been installed. I visited this Lodge again on May 23rd, and installed the W. M., a dispensation for this purpose having been obtained from the M. W. Grand Master. The W. M. and officers closed the Lodge in a very creditable manner. This Lodge will in a short time be one of the best in this District.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that Masonry in District No. 5 is in a prosperous condition, and on the occasions of my visits I received many acts of kindness, for which I now tender my thanks to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER DUNCAN, D.D.G.M.,
Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Hartney, June 1st, 1902.

I, the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I beg to submit the following report:—

That during the past year I officially visited all the Lodges in this district, except Oak Lake, No. 44; and I also attended the degree of Instruction held for this District at Brandon.

I went to Oak Lake but they had called no meeting for me. I saw degree work given in all the Lodges in this District, except Glenwood No. 27, and Oak Lake No. 44, and creditably done by them all; I have no doubt but that Glenwood No. 27, can also perform the work well.

But I am sorry to say that in some cases the Secretary's books are not well kept, especially Elkhorn. Lebanon is improving under their acting Secretary, Bro. Pierce.

The District as a whole is in good condition, both financially and active.

In reference to Oak Lake, No. 44, I think the Committee on the state of Masonry had better investigate, as I am of the opinion that it should lose its charter, in fact I am sure of it, as they are very reckless and careless, and I doubt if they know the meaning of Masonry.

I tried, in my humble way, to impress upon those who attended my official visits, the responsibility of proposing candidates of the Masonic ballot, what is Free Masonry and a Mason's duty.

The 4th Annual Lodge of Instruction for this district was held at Brandon on March 11th, under the management of W. M. B. Halpin, of Brandon, No. 19, and an excellent programme of work was arranged; but owing to the two Lodges which were to take charge in A.M. and P.M., failing to appear, the A.M. session was a failure; but the P.M. session was spent in examination of visitors and candidates with questions and answers.

The Evening Session, Brandon, No. 19, put on the 3rd degree in very good style, when the brethren were treated to a very elaborate spread, after which a still greater surprise, a splendid concert and smoker. More members should take an interest in the Lodge of Instruction, I am sure it would have been a complete success if the M. W. Grand Master, Dr. Thornton, could have been with us. His presence would have given us three or four times the number of members as well as the great treat, an address.

Composite Lodge, No. 64. I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 12th, 1902; and on that occasion was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Coulter, of Hartney, No. 52, whose assistance and visitation was greatly appreciated, I also had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Fenwick, whose assistance was also appreciated, both by myself and members generally. The Lodge books are in good shape, financial standing good. The officers can put on the work in good style; attendance 20.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19. I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 11th, 1902, and on this occasion was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Coulter, of Hartney, No. 52, who rendered valuable assistance.

ance. This Lodge is the strongest in this District, membership 104. The officers can give the work in excellent shape; the Secretary's books are in a very satisfactory shape, and Brandon Lodge can be congratulated on having such a thorough Secretary; financial standing good, members present 40.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43. I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 18th, 1902. The W. M., W. Bro. Menlove, conferred the second degree in a very able manner. The Lodge is active, financial standing good; the Secretary's books had been in bad shape, but their Acting Secretary is getting them into good shape again. The lecture on the tracing board given by Bro. Colingan was something good, the best I ever heard. Owing to Winnipeg Bonspeil, some of the members were away. I expected to meet R. W. Bro. Coulter, but he was also in Winnipeg, but we had an attendance of about 25.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74. I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 19th, 1902. The W. M. (W. Bro. Kowan) gave the first degree in an able manner. This Lodge is in very good shape for being the youngest in this district. Active, financial standing good; I was greatly pleased to meet R. W. Bro. McGurl, of District No. 8, who rendered valuable assistance. I am sure it will prosper under the management of its present W. M. I am sorry to say that the Secretary's books are not in good shape.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27. I visited this Lodge on Jan. 11th, 1902. This being my starting point I was somewhat nervous, but with the assistance of Rev. Bro. Bridgman and Rev. Bro. Hewitson I fared not too badly. Glenwood can be congratulated on having the best furnished Lodge room in this District. I expected to see work put on here, but it was impossible for the candidates to be present; but I have no doubt but that the work can be well put on. The Lodge is active and financial standing good; a fair number present.

Hartney Lodge, No. 52. I visited this lodge officially on Jan. 17th, 1902. The first degree was put on in an able manner by W. Bro. Roper. The Lodge is active, financial standing good, 25 members present. The Secretary's books are in good shape.

Oak Lake, No. 44. I visited Oak Lake, but not the Lodge, as they called no meeting for me, and I couldn't see their books. It is my opinion that their Secretary (as a Secretary) is no good, and their W. M. (as a Master) not much better; and for the good

of Masonry its charter should be taken from them. Financial standing, I paid their share of D. D. G. M.'s regalia and cannot get it, so their standing must be low. Active, I doubt if they have had a meeting during any term of office.

Two other items before I close. One, the amount paid for Relief, Hartney, No. 52, is the only Lodge in this District that paid anything. Now every Lodge in this District is in good enough standing to give a small grant at least to some good cause, they have no call for it at home. The other, the compensation for D. D. G. M. There was a motion carried at last communication of Grand Lodge, "that it was the duty of each Lodge to pay the reasonable expenses of one visit of its D. D. G. M." None of the Lodges in this District have acted upon this motion except Hartney, No. 52. Composite No. 64 and Lebanon, No. 43, paid hotel expenses while in their town, but this is far short of expenses.

Finally I wish to thank R. W. Bro. Coulter, of Hartney No. 52, for his kindness in accompanying me on my visit to Composite, No. 64, and Brandon, No. 19. Also my thanks to the brethren of the Lodges I visited for the hearty welcome accorded and the many courtesies extended on that occasion.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. B. MUIR, D.D.G.M.,
Sixth Masonic District

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Prince Albert, May, 1902

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
A. F. & A. M.

Owing to circumstances over which I have no control, I have been unable to visit officially Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72, but shall do so in the near future. This being a new Lodge, has not yet enough of Past Masters to install the officers at the annual meeting, when that ceremony was due. But three kindly went there from Prince Albert to assist in that duty, which being happily done, were right royally entertained.

I have officially visited Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, of which am a member, and at the meetings of which, if it is possible, I make

point to attend, and to assist the W.M. and Wardens in every I can. This Lodge is not numerically strong, partly on account of the scrupulous care exercised in admitting only those of whom it is believed that they possess those qualifications which are for the good of the fraternity. The beneficial results of this policy are beginning to be felt. Many most desirable persons have joined the Lodge. This is encouraging in many ways, not the least of which is the necessary practice in the work which it entails, not only on the W. M., but on the officers and members. We have so far as I was able insisted on all work being done at the proper time; no postponement that it was possible to avoid, and omissions being allowed. I have emphasised the fraternal feeling that should be constantly kept in mind, and to this end I have been especially particular in impressing the "charges." The papers of the Lodge are properly kept, as are also the records and documents.

These two lodges, Nos. 16 and 72, are the only Lodges at present in this Masonic District.

I beg to express my thanks for the honor conferred on me in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

CYRUS CARROL, D.D.G.M.,

Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Indian Head, June 1st, 1902.

to the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I beg to hand you herewith report of my official acts as D. D. M. for the Eighth Masonic District for the past year:—

On the 27th of August, under instructions from the Grand Secretary I took charge of the regalia and other property of the defunct Seely Lodge U. D. This Lodge did not make any progress in the institution, and the remaining members feeling it was in the interests of Masonry decided to surrender their dispensation and to be cast in their lot with the Sintaluta Lodge, which was at that time forming.

Sintaluta Lodge was instituted on the 28th day of Feb, 1902, with a membership of eighteen. They secured a very good hall,

and have very comfortably furnished it. I visited the Lodge of [redacted] ic
ially afterward and found them working well. Five application [redacted] ns
had been received, of which four were accepted.

I am pleased to say Qu 'Appelle Lodge, 34, has made rap [redacted] id
strides since my last report. They are now doing well. I w [redacted] as
with them three times.

Moosomin, 57, Ashlar, 47, Indian Head, 33, Moose Jaw, 26, [redacted] I
find are doing good work. Degrees were well conferred and go [redacted] d
attendances. Dues well paid up in most of cases and Lodges [redacted] in
good condition, with bright prospects.

Qu'Appelle Valley, 32, I have not visited officially, but from [redacted] m
information from members of Qu 'Appelle and my own Lodge [redacted] am
pleased to report the Lodge is in a very good condition.

It was not convenient for Evening Star Lodge to meet on the [redacted] he
date I named and expected to go down on the next regular, bu [redacted] out
was prevented at the last moment from, so doing.

From a communication received from the W.M. of N.W.M.P. [redacted] P.
Lodge it appears they are in difficulty in not having a permanen [redacted] ent
room for holding their meeting. The room they have in barrack [redacted] ks
is only at their disposal when not required for some public pur [redacted] ur-
pose. And at the time I was arranging for a meeting was dis [redacted] is-
mantled to accommodate recruits who were arriving.

Wascana Lodge does not appear to be progressing as it should [redacted] ld,
and in discussing the matter with some of the prominent Mason [redacted] ns
there they are of the opinion it would be advisable if arrange [redacted] es
ments could be made for both Wascana and N. W. M. P. Lodge [redacted] es
to surrender their charter and a new Lodge started. This course [redacted] se
they think would in all probability overcome the friction that [redacted] at
exists in Wascana Lodge, whether or not this course is best to [redacted] to
adopt I cannot say, but something should be done in connection.

I also desire to thank the brethren of the various Lodges of [redacted] of
the District for their many acts of kindness, and for the honor of [redacted] of
re-election.

I regret that sickness in my family and my public and private [redacted] te
avocation have prevented me from making more visits, for it was [redacted] as
my intention at the commencement of the term to have visited [redacted] d
every Lodge twice, but as explained have been prevented.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. CAMPKIN, D.D.G.M.,

Eighth Masonic District

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Anthracite, June 1st, 1902.

the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I beg to hand you herewith my report as D. D. G. M. of the
th Masonic District :—

The most important Masonic event of the year in this Dis-
t was the Masonic Communication held on the summit of Tun-
Mountain, Banff, on the afternoon of the 2nd day of August,
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For some years past a number of the more enthusiastic Masons
oughout the District have discussed the novelty of taking ad-
tage of the natural facilities offered by the mountains of this
nity and, in imitation of our ancient brethren, convening
ge on a veritable high hill.

As Cascade Lodge, No. 42, holds jurisdiction over these hills,
as only proper that initiative steps to this end should be taken
its members. I was invited to take charge of the proceedings.
far as possible I endeavored to make a District affair of this
t novel and instructive convention.

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, and Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, found it
ossible to be represented by a working team, but two Calgary
ges chartered a train for the occasion and were represented
a full complement of officers and a large number of members.

The Lodge was opened by the Officers of Cascade Lodge and
the symbol of authority was about to be surrendered to me as
D.D.G.M., the Secretary came forward, and on behalf of the
M., who was unavoidably absent, presented as the perpetual
perty of Cascade Lodge a gavel manufactured from a piece of
d. of the Hudson Bay packet "Beaver," the first steamship
t sailed the Pacific.

We had present at this communication many eminent and well
led brethren from almost every portion of the Dominion. The
ruction given in the various addresses covered a wide range
Masonic thought, while the work exemplified by the officers of
Lodges present, and the general conduct of the proceedings of
odge showed a degree of skill of which District No. 9 is justly
ad.

The W. M. of Bow River Lodge, assisted by his officers, conferred a first degree giving a most capable exemplification of the English Ritual, and the foremost Western exponents of the York Rite, the W. M. of Perfection and his officers conferred a second degree. A pleasing innovation was the introduction of the Bag of Benevolence by Bow River. The amount of this contribution, \$15.00, was turned over to me to be disposed of for some charitable purpose, and I have since forwarded it to the Bank of Commerce, Relief Fund, Fernie, B.C., for the sufferers from the recent mine explosion.

M. W. Bro. H. E. Gilles, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Obedience of Nova Scotia, and R. W. Bro. Dr. Braithwaite, our Grand Senior Warden (who had previously been received with becoming honors), and other eminent brethren delivered addresses. That of the Rev. Brother J. W. Litch was most impressive and will long be remembered by those present as a masterpiece of oratory.

Photographs which will be valued souvenirs were taken as the main features of the ceremony proceeded.

This meeting was not only instructive and full of significance on account of its location and environment, but was the means of bringing together brethren throughout the district who would never otherwise have met. Everyone present had an opportunity of seeing work done by sister Lodges and of comparing at the best the two rites worked under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The strange surroundings, the beauty and sublimity of the spot, and the impressiveness of the ceremonies were well calculated to make a lasting impression not only on the minds of those who took the degree, but upon those who were present to witness the scene. In a Lodge-room made by the hand of God and actually above the clouds which could be seen touching the mountain side below, in the midst of brethren, some of whom had come many hundreds of miles to be present, it would be strange indeed if all were not most deeply affected and aroused to a sense of the majesty and solemnity of the occasion.

In the closing ceremonies I was assisted by Past Grand Officers Hamilton Lang, I. S. G. Van Wart, E. Nelson Brown and J. De Sousa.

A social dance in the Banff Pavilion entertained all the visiting brethren and their lady friends up to within a few minutes of Low Twelve, when the Calgary excursion train pulled out from the depot.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During my term of office, I visited officially all Lodges throughout the District. I have observed work done by both sets of officers in charge at each Lodge with the exception of Innisfail and Red Deer, and these I visited only once and under the regime of the officers in charge to the 27th of December, 1901. I am pleased to be able to report that the general condition of Masonry throughout this District is most satisfactory and encouraging.

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58.—I visited this Lodge on Thursday evening, 21st November, 1901. There was a good attendance. Degree work was done in a dignified and correct manner. Considering the financial condition of this Lodge it ought to have a better furnished lodge-room. I found the Masonic spirit among the officers and members excellent, and the books carefully and correctly kept. A large number of the Past Masters take a very active interest in the work of this Lodge.

Red Deer Lodge, No. 73.—On Friday evening, 22nd November, 1901, I visited this Lodge and was greeted with a good attendance. The officers are all well posted. This is a very young Lodge. Its members have not as yet got a very good hall or very suitable furnishings, but they are in a fairly good financial position and talk of buikling a hall of their own. The books are well and neatly kept. I was particularly impressed with the desire for knowledge and the evident ability existing among the younger members of this Lodge, and if kept together I will expect great things of them.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28 and Perfection Lodge, No. 60.—I visited these Lodges at a combined meeting on Monday evening, 12th May, 1902. There was an extraordinarily large attendance. The third degree worked by the officers of Bow River was most impressive. Several of the officers of Perfection Lodge were unavoidably absent, but the work done by that Lodge in conferring the second degree showed that they have an abundance of good material to fall back upon in such an emergency. The work was exceptionally well done. The music furnished by the combined talent of the two Lodges was the best and most appropriate I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. Both these Lodges have a strong financial standing and a large membership. The officers are all well posted in their work, and they have an abundant supply of first-class material from which to choose their officers. Several of the Past Masters still take an inspiring interest in the work.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42. I visited this Lodge officially on the 27th December, 1901, for the purpose of installing the officers. I have been a regular attendant throughout my term of office. This Lodge has not been doing as much degree work during the past two years as formerly, but has plenty of good material on hand at present. The officers are well skilled and harmony prevails.

In concluding my report I would sound a note of warning regarding the very rapid increase in membership exhibited by the statistical returns of some of the Lodges.

I wish to thank the Past D.D.G.M. of the District for much valuable assistance, especially in connection with the Tunnah Mountain Convention.

Fraternally submitted,

O. E. S. WHITESIDE, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Medicine Hat, N.W.T., May 13, 1902

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
A. F. & A. M.

I beg leave to submit the following report:—

All Lodges in this district have been visited and found to be in a thrifty and prosperous condition. The membership is not increasing fast, but great care seems to be exercised by the different Lodges that none but the most desirable be admitted.

A great deal of attention is being paid by the officers to the ritual. At each Lodge on my visit degree work was exemplified in a careful and efficient manner. It was a pleasure to see that even the subordinate officers had their part off almost perfectly.

The Lodge rooms, generally, are commodious and well furnished, and kept in a neat and respectable condition.

The Secretaries are all conversant with their work, and keep their books in a creditable and painstaking manner.

The number of members in arrears for dues is still large, but as has been explained, quite a number of the delinquents are those who have gone to South Africa, and whom the Lodges feel willing to carry along. The resident members appear mostly paid up.

Masonry, generally, is progressing in this District. Peace and harmony prevail everywhere. No sign of strife or discord.

It was a pleasure to visit the different Lodges and meet with the kind and hearty reception as was shown by all.

The good results obtaining from the Lodge of Instruction meeting held in Lethbridge by yourself and other members of this District are still evident, and it is hoped that you may be able to hold another such meeting in the near future.

I would suggest that Grand Lodge furnish a book (form attached) to each Lodge Secretary, to facilitate the making and checking of reports to Grand Lodge.

On my several visits I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Finlay, W. Bro. Cook and Bro. Kealy, of Medicine Hat Lodge, to whom I am under a debt of gratitude for their kind assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. CRAWFORD, D.D.G.M.,
Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Dawson City, Y.T., May 6th, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I visited Yukon Lodge, No. 79, A.F. & A.M., on September 20th, 1901, and found the books all right. Minutes of each regular and emergent meetings properly entered.

The Lodge officers are well up in their work and harmony prevails between them and the members. The Lodge had a good deal of trouble getting supplies through from Grand Secretary, owing to Dawson being so much isolated. The Lodge has had quite a heavy drain on its treasury, owing to charity, but they have responded nobly, although it was entirely bestowed on outside Masons.

I think the Lodge is getting some of Dawson's best citizens also from various mining camps.

I had the pleasure of recommending White Horse Brethren for a dispensation. I wish them every success. I would like to suggest that if Grand Lodge of Manitoba has not been incorporated in Yukon Territory that the matter should be taken up at meeting of Grand Lodge in June. I think the Yukon Council has power to deal with such matters.

Fraternally yours,

R. A. COWAN, D.D.G.M.,
Eleventh Masonic District, Yukon Territory.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Edmonton, Alta., N.W.T., May 20th, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District.

I am pleased to inform you that we have had a very successful and prosperous year, while there has been no increase in the number of Lodges there has been a substantial increase of membership, and there is every prospect of two lodges being instituted within the next year.

The Brethren at both Wetaskiwin and Leduc have under discussion the formation of Lodges.

I have during the year visited the five Lodges in my District and there is good substantial progress being made in all.

During the year I held a meeting of all the Lodges in the District at Edmonton, and although the meeting was successful it did not come up to what I had hoped it would. The idea was to have the three degrees exemplified, two in the afternoon and one in the evening.

I asked Acacia Lodge, No. 66, to open at 2 p.m. and exemplify the first degree, Eureka Lodge, No. 65, to take the second degree at 4 p.m., and Jasper Lodge the 3rd at 8 p.m. Unfortunately, some of the officers of Eureka Lodge could not attend, and they were unable to carry out their part.

Then the W. M. of Acacia had to take a trip out in the country and this part of the programme also fell through.

There was, however, a rousing meeting in the evening, and Jasper Lodge, No. 78, worked the third degree in a highly creditable manner, so that notwithstanding our disappointment we had a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

I trust that my successor in office will next year attempt something similar, and I feel certain he will be amply repaid for his trouble. Such gatherings must be a great benefit to the Craft.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, at Edmonton, is the oldest Lodge in the District, and has the largest roll of members. Although there has been a decrease in the membership this was caused by brethren demitting, who wished to join Jasper Lodge. The prospect for Edmonton Lodge is very bright. They have considerable work ahead of them, and the officers are energetic and in most cases have their work well up.

Some three years ago the brethren purchased a lot on the main street of the Town of Edmonton, paying for it \$600.00. A short time ago they refused \$1,600.00 for the lot. This increase in the value is very pleasing to the brethren and there is considerable talk among them as to the desirability of building a home of their own in the near future.

As this is the Lodge of which I am a member I was in constant attendance upon its meetings. The books are neatly kept and the Secretary is painstaking and energetic.

Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe has had a very prosperous year. When I made my official visit at their regular meeting in December they initiated three candidates and several other applications came in at that meeting. The work of the first degree was well done by all the officers; the beautiful lecture of this degree was given by the W. M. in a highly creditable manner. The brethren gave me a right royal welcome and I regret that I was unable to give them a second visit.

I was informed by the Secretary that the finances of the Lodge were in excellent shape. I have not yet received the annual report from the Secretary, and am unable to include it in my tabulated statement. I have written the Secretary twice in the matter, but have received no reply.

I have also written to the W. M., but owing to washouts in the C. & E. Railway we have had no mail for the last 10 days. This may have caused the delay. The future of this Lodge is assured.

My first official visit to Acacia Lodge, No. 66, Strathcona, was on the evening of St. John's Day, Dec. 27, when I had the pleasure of jointly installing the officers of this Lodge and that of Edmonton Lodge

A very pleasant custom has been practiced ever since Acacia Lodge came into existence, of having a joint installation with Edmonton Lodge. One year in the Lodge room of Acacia, the next in that of Edmonton.

About 20 of the brethren from Edmonton attended this last year at Strathcona for this ceremony and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

I visited the Lodge again in April, when the third degree was worked, I can hardly speak too highly of the work done on this occasion. The lodge is very fortunate in having R. W. Bro. English, P.D.D.G.M., as one of its members, as he takes a great interest in the welfare of the lodge.

The financial condition of the Lodge is satisfactory and the prospects bright.

Victoria Lodge, No. 76, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. It was a pleasant duty to consecrate this Lodge and hand over to the Officers the new Charter granted at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. I was accompanied and assisted by several brethren from Edmonton and Strathcona on this occasion.

The W. M. lives several miles in the country and owing to heavy rains the road was practically impassible so that he was not present at the consecration.

W. Bro. Dunlop, Master of Jasper Lodge, No. 78, kindly consented to take the East and the Ceremony was proceeded with.

Victoria Lodge has labored under considerable difficulties during the past as some of its chief officers have removed. It first lost by removal its Junior Warden. Then the new Master shortly after his installation, W. Bro. Ritchie, was transferred to Regina, he being in the N.W.M.P. force, however, with all these drawbacks it is still making good progress and its future outlook was never better.

Jasper Lodge, No. 78, Edmonton. My first official act was the Consecration of this Lodge. At the time this Lodge came into existence I had some doubts as to the propriety of starting a second Lodge in the Town of Edmonton. I feared a certain rivalry or jealousy might exist between it and the older Lodge. That as the town was not very large this rivalry might be the cause of bringing into both Lodges persons who would be undesirable, but I am very pleased to say that this fear on my part has not been realized. Both Lodges seem to be having a healthy and gradual growth in membership and of excellent quality and working in perfect harmony. I visited this Lodge on several occasions and was much pleased with the work. The books are neatly and well kept. The finances of the Lodge are in good shape and it does not take a prophet to foretell a bright future for Jasper Lodge.

In conclusion I have to thank the brethren of the different Lodges in the District for the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

My thanks are especially due to R. W. Bro. Dr. Braithwaite, J.S.W., as he has assisted me in no small manner, and has on nearly every occasion accompanied me on my official visits.

I sincerely trust that the harmony and good feeling which exists now in the District will continue in the future.

I am, fraternally yours,

HEDLEY C. TAYLOR, D.D.G.M.,
Twelfth Masonic District.

On motion of W. Bro. E. A. Strauthers, (62) seconded by R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24) the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer R..W Bro. John McKechnie, presented his Seventeenth Annual Report, as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

		To balance	.....	\$1,999
July	8—	Deposit Grand Secretary	.....	\$585 90
Aug.	13—	" " "	.....	411 25
Nov.	1—	" " "	.....	211 75
1902.				
Jan.	2—	" " "	.....	250 35
Jan.	30—	" " "	.....	394 75
Feb.	28—	" " "	.....	429 20
Mar.	29—	" " "	.....	729 70 \$3,01

EXPENDITURES.

July	3—	Transfer to Aged and I. Masons fund	....	\$ 15 00
July	3—	Order 934—Masonic Temple Ass. Rent.	..	50 00
July	3—	935—R. S. Thornton	..	200 00
July	3—	936—J. A. Ovas, Gd. Sec.	....	175 00
July	3—	937—John McBride	..	10 00
July	3—	938—John Bailey	....	10 00
July	3—	939—The E. W. Rugg Co.	..	10 00
July	3—	940—D. R. Dingwall	....	50 00
July	3—	941—J. A. Ovas	....	40 10
July	3—	942—R. S. Thornton	....	7 80
July	3—	944—Benevolent Fund	....	100 00
July	3—	945—Aged and Indig. Masons Fund	....	300 00
July	3—	946—Aged and Indig. Masons Fund	....	200 00
Sep.	17—	947—J. A. Ovas	....	68 10
Sep.	17—	948—J. J. Mason	....	25 00
Sep.	17—	949—John Bailey	....	35 75
Sep.	17—	950—W. R. Lewis	....	16 00
Sep.	17—	951—J. C. McQuade	....	16 25
Sep.	17—	952—Stovel Co.	....	151 20
Sep.	17—	953—W. R. Lewis	....	40 00
Sep.	17—	954—The Franklin Press Co.	....	12 00
Sep.	17—	955—Jas. M. Suttie	....	10 00
Sep.	17—	956—Masonic Temple Ass	....	100 00
Sep.	17—	957—E. W. Rugg Co.	....	66 20
Sep.	17—	958—Thos. Gilroy	....	11 25

5—	"	959—J. A. Ovas.....	175 00	
18—	"	960—J. A. Ovas.....	175 00	
6—	"	961—Man. Free Press Co.	20 00	
6—	"	952—The Telegram	13 00	
6—	"	963—Tribune Publishing Co.	10 00	
6—	"	964—J. Thompson & Co.	77 80	
6—	"	965—E. W. Rugg & Co.	27 50	
6—	"	966—Masonic Temple Ass.	50 00	
6—	"	967—Richardson Stationery Co.	15 00	
6—	"	968—J. J. Mason	20 00	
6—	"	969—Masonic Relief Association....	32 38	
6—	"	970—J. A. Ovas	75 75	
29—	"	971—J. A. Ovas	175 00	
29—	"	972—J. A. Ovas	70 45	
		By balance	2356 08	
Total			\$5,012 61	\$5,012 61
To balance				\$2,356 80

Audited and found correct.

FRED. J. C. COX, }
J. THOMPSON BLACK, } Auditors.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

1901.

To balance from 1900	\$605 41
31—To interest.....	9 04
30—To interest.....	1 61
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	\$616 06
3—By cash paid Aged and Indigent Mason fund....	\$605 41
By balance.....	10 65
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	\$616 06
To balance	\$10 65

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

To balance from 1900	\$ 16 90
31—To interest	23
5—Grant Grand Lodge	100 00
30—To interest	1 00
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	\$118 13

Aug.	16—By Grant to Birtle Lodge for Benevolence	\$ 25	00
	By balance	93	13
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			\$118	13
	To balance	\$93	13

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS FUND.

		To balance from 1910	\$191	59
May	31—To interest	....	2	70	
June	14—To cash from current account	....	15	00	
July	5—To cash from special account	....	605	41	
July	5—To Grant Gd. Lodge	....	200	00	
July	5—To cash borrowed from Special Acc't by Current				
	Acc't and repaid	300	00	
Nov.	30—To interest	14	16	
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	To balance	\$132	86	

Audited and found correct.

FRED. J. C. COX, }
J. THOMPSON BLACK. } Auditors.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Hamilton Lang (42), seconded by V.W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (28), the report of Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report as follows :—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report, containing a summary of the transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last annual Communication were printed and the usual number distributed, as in previous years.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause 12, Sec. 58, certificates were issued to all the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and consecrated and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz.—

Victoria Lodge, No. 76, at Fort Saskatchewan, in the Twelfth Masonic District. Constituted Aug. 3rd, 1901, by R. W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Napinka Lodge, No. 77, at Napinka, in the Fourth Masonic District. Constituted July 27th, 1901, by M. W. Bro. George F. Newcombe, Past Grand Master.

Jasper Lodge, No. 78, at Edmonton, in the Twelfth Masonic District. Constituted July 29th, 1901, by R. W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Yukon Lodge, No. 79, at Dawson, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Constituted Sept. 19th, 1901, by R. W. Bro. Robert A. Cowan, District Deputy Grand Master.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, Dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued:—

Sintaluta Lodge, at Sintaluta, in the Eighth Masonic District. Dispensation issued February 4th, 1902, eighteen charter members. W. Bro. Edward A. Partridge, W. Master; Bro. Thomas M. Aspdin, Senior Warden; Bro. William H. Gaddes, Junior Warden. Instituted February 28th, 1902, by R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, D. D. Grand Master.

White Horse Lodge, at White Horse, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued March 5th, 1902, sixteen charter members. R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, W. Master; Bro. R. Pinneo, Senior Warden; Bro. P. W. Pennefather, Junior Warden. Instituted May 5th, 1902, by R. W. Bro. Fred McLellan.

Cypress Lodge at Cypress River, in the Third Masonic District. Dispensation issued April 24th, 1902, eight charter members. W. Bro. Martin Skolwood, W. Master; Bro. D. D. McQueen, Senior Warden; Bro. G. H. Harrison, Junior Warden. Instituted May 13th, 1902, by R. W. Bro. Joseph Cornell, D. D. Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last annual Communication commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:—

Nov. 4th, 1901—R. W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown, of Calgary, from the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Jan. 4th, 1902—R. W. Bro. Thomas McNabb, of Lethbridge, from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Jan. 20th, 1902—R. W. Bro. John Wemyss, of Neepawa, from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, vice M. W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, deceased.

Near Other Grand Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, as follows:—

September 10th, 1901—R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Stewart, Chicago, near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vice R. W. Bro. Jacob Krohn.

January 7th, 1902—R. W. Bro. R. T. Robinson, of Perth, near the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

January 13th, 1902—R. W. Bro. C. E. Elliott, of Blackwell, near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

March 1st, 1902—R. W. Bro. J. J. Kelly, of Silver City, near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, vice R. W. Bro. Sim B. Newcombe.

April 2nd, 1902—R. W. Bro. John A. Cleaver, of Huron, near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, vice R. W. Bro. Willis T. Porter.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. Grand Master examined, and approved the by-laws of the following Lodges, viz.—

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14.	North Star Lodge, No. 41.
Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 28.	Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72.
Yorkton Lodge, No. 69.	Victoria Lodge, No. 76.
Glenwood Lodge, No. 27.	

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. Grand Master examined and approved amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.—

Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.	Deloraine Lodge, No. 40.
Edmonton Lodge, No. 53.	Acacia Lodge, No. 66.

CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED.

In accordance with Sec. 235 of the Constitution, Certificates of good standing have been issued to members of extinct Lodges as follows:—

Battle Lodge, No. 38—George Callum Whyte, John Reynolds Michael, Edward K. Matheson, Thomas John Fleetham, Arthur Dean Bourke, Walter John Salsbury, James Alpine Smith, Chas. Augustus Tasker, William P. Pennefather.

Wolseley Lodge U. D.—James P. Dill, William Hare, William Elliott, Thomas Aspdin, James Pollock, George Balfour.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I am pleased to be able to again report that with the exception of two Lodges, the half-yearly returns were transmitted to this office with a fair degree of promptness.

The two Lodges above referred to are Wascana, No. 23, and Qu'Appelle, No. 34.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.W. Grand Master:—

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	For What Granted.			
1900.						
June 15.	9	Oakland	....	To wear Masonic Clothing at Church.		
" 15.	29	Carberry	....	"	"	"
" 15.	64	Composite	....	"	"	"
" 15.	15	Corinthian	....	"	"	"
" 15.	71	Crystal	....	"	"	"
" 15.	34	Qu'Appelle	....	"	"	"
" 15.	28	Bow River	....	"	"	"
" 20.	49	Temple	....	"	"	"
" 21.	53	Edmonton	....	"	"	"
" 29.	56	Maple Leaf	....	"	"	"
Aug. 7.	24	Neepawa	....	"	"	"
" 8.	8	King Solomon	....	"	"	"
Dec. 26.	63	Holland	....	"	"	"
1902.						
May 7.	43	Lebanon	....	"	"	"
" 19.	75	Gothic	....	"	"	"
" 26.	64	Composite	....	"	"	"
" 28.	70	Shiloh	....	"	"	"
" 28.	27	Glenwood	....	"	"	"
1901.						
July 26.	41	North Star	....	To hold special election and installation.		
Nov. 25.	62	Russell	....	"	"	"
" 27.	31	Medicine Hat	..	"	"	"
Dec. 2.	35	Moosomin	....	"	"	"
" 7.	29	Carberry	....	"	"	"
" 7.	37	Alberta	....	"	"	"
" 7.	9	Oakland	....	"	"	"
" 7.	47	Ashlar	....	"	"	"
1902.						
Jan. 13.	72	Duck Lake	....	"	"	"
" 13.	2	Lisgar	....	"	"	"
1901.						
Aug. 7.	24	Neepawa		To confer degrees within the prescribed time.		
" 27.	60	Perfection	"	"	"	"
Nov. 23.	28	Bow River	"	"	"	"
Dec. 6.	60	Perfection	"	"	"	"
" 10.	61	N.W.M. Police	"	"	"	"

1902.		
Feb. 19.	79	Yukon To confer degrees within the prescribed time.
May 10.	10	Northern Light " " " " " "
1901.		
Oct. 29.	14	Prince of Wales } To initiate candidates from without the
Dec. 6.	78	Jasper } jurisdiction of the Lodge.
1902.		
April 18.	19	Brandon Lodge ... To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.
May 13.	15	Corinthian To elect and install a W. Master..

MEMBERSHIP

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1901:—

Increase.

Initiated	311
Passed	284
Raised	273
Joined	150
Restored	19
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Total increase for the year	480

Decrease.

Dimitted	124
Died	31
Suspended N. P. D.	77
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Total decrease for the year	232
Net gain	248
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Total Membership Dec. 27th, 1901	480
	3486

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, (14) seconded by R.W. Bro. James M. Suttée (3), the Report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

Monies received between April 1st, 1901, and March 31st, 1902.

No.	Name of Lodge.	No.	Name of Lodge.
1.	Prince Rupert's \$154 00	44.	Oak Lake 31 15
2.	Lisgar 13 50	45.	Spitzie 35 75
3.	Ancient Landmark ... 110 65	47.	Ashlar 34 50
4.	St. John's 77 95	49.	Temple 28 75
6.	Emerson 35 00	50.	Killarney 17 25
7.	Assiniboine 31 45	51.	Treherne 31 50
8.	King Solomon 44 75	52.	Hartney 70 25
9.	Oakland 15 00	53.	Edmonton 39 50
10.	Northern Light 78 75	54.	Oriental 72 25
11.	Gladstone 20 25	55.	East Star 22 60
12.	Stonewall 19 85	57.	Evening Star 40 00
13.	Belmont 56 00	58.	Innisfail 46 00
14.	Prince of Wales 48 50	60.	Perfection 73 10
15.	Corinthian 31 25	61.	N. W. M. Police ... 63 25
16.	Kinistino 54 55	62.	Russell 10 00
19.	Brandon 75 35	63.	Holland 37 80
23.	Wascana 9 50	64.	Composite 18 50
24.	Neepawa 63 00	65.	Eureka 5 50
25.	Ionic 77 00	66.	Acacia 38 70
26.	Moose Jaw 44 05	67.	Wawanesa 18 35
27.	Glenwood 23 75	68.	Vermillion 68 60
28.	Bow River 143 50	69.	Yorkton 44 25
29.	Carberry 24 50	70.	Shiloh 21 50
30.	Manitou 8 00	71.	Crystal 30 75
31.	Medicine Hat 51 10	72.	Duck Lake 32 40
32.	Qu 'Appelle Valley ... 29 50	73.	Red Deer 54 25
33.	Indian Head 34 25	74.	Elkhorn 26 60
34.	Qu 'Appelle 17 25	75.	Gothic 18 75
35.	Moosomin 51 75	76.	Victoria 55 25

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36. Doric	32 00	77. Napinka	35 00
37. Alberta	40 25	78. Jasper	67 75
39. Birtle	20 25	79. Yukon	92 00
40. Deloraine	36 20	U.D. Sintaluta	25 00
41. North Star	61 50	U.D. White Horse	25 50
43. Lebanon	51 45		
			<u>\$3,012 90</u>

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:—

Dr.	Cr.
1902.	1901.
Mar. 31, To Receipts ..	July 8. By J. McKechnie,
	Grand Treas. \$585 90
	Aug. 13. By Grand Treas. 411 25
	Nov. 1. By Grand Treas. 211 75
	1902.
	Jan. 4. By Grand Treas. 250 35
	Jan. 30. By Grand Treas. 394 75
	Feb. 28. By Grand Treas. 429 20
	Mar. 29. By Grand Treas. 729 70
	<u>\$3012 90</u>
<u>\$3012 90</u>	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

From April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902.

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
934.	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to June 30th, 1901...	\$ 50 00
935.	R. S. Thornton, M.W. Grand Master, grant for expenses	200 00
936.	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to June 15, 1901	175 00
937.	John McBride, Grand Tyler	10 00
938.	John Bailey, Assisting Grand Tyler	10 00
939.	E. W. Rugg Co., Books and Forms	10 00
940.	D. R. Dingwall, Testimonial to M.W. Bro. John Leslie	50 00
941.	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements.	40 10
942.	R. S. Thornton, Dues to Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076	7 80
944.	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Benevolent Fund Account	100 00
945.	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Aged and Indigent Masons Fund	300 00
946.	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Aged and Indigent Masons Fund	200 00
947.	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	68 10
948.	J. J. Mason, Books and Forms	25 00
949.	John Bailey, Refreshments during Session Grand Lodge	35 75
950.	W. Rowe Lewis, Engrossing	16 00
951.	James C. McQuade, Lodge Seals	16 25
952.	The Stovel Co., Printing Proceedings	151 20
953.	W. Rowe Lewis, Engrossing Address to His Majesty Edward VII.	40 00
954.	The Franklin Press Co., Books and Forms	12 00
955.	James M. Suttée, Regalia Cases	10 00
956.	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to Dec. 31st, 1901	100 00
957.	E. W. Rugg Co., Books and Forms	66 20
958.	Thomas Gilroy, premium on Grand Secretary's Bond	11 25

959. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Sept. 15,	
1901	175 00
960. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Dec. 15,	
1901	175 00
961. Manitoba Free Press Co., Funeral Notice M. W. Bro.	
J. D. O'Meara	20 00
962. Telegram Publishing Co., Funeral Notice M. W. Bro.	
J. D. O'Meara	13 00
963. Tribune Publishing Co. Funeral Notice M. W. Bro. J.	
D. O'Meara	10 00
964. John Thomson & Co., Funeral Expenses M. W. Bro.	
J. D. O'Meara	77 80
965. E. W. Rugg Co., Stationery and Books and Forms ...	27 50
966. Masonic Temple Association, Rent to Mar, 31st, 1902	50 00
867. The Richaardson Stationery and Mfg. Co., Books and	
Forms	15 00
968. J. J. Mason, Books and Forms ...	20 00
969. Masonic Relief Association, Dues to Aug. 31st, 1902...	32 38
970. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	75 75
971. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Mar. 15,	
1902	175 00
972. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	70 45

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YEARLY STATEMENT

March 31st, 1902.

GAINS.

Dispensations	\$ 16	00
Charters	10	00
Books and Forms	18	43
Initiations	52	00
Dues	149	00
M. M. Certificates	37	35
L. M. Certificates		32
P. M. Certificates	22	50
L. M. Fees	5	00
Interest	28	74
Lodge Seals	16	75
Sundries		60

LOSSES.

Fixtures	\$ 35 03
Expense	92 63
Printing	174 20
Books and Stationery	38 30
Postage and Express	135 25
Rent	200 00
Telegraphing	18 55
Salaries	700 00
Library Fixtures	17 05
Regalia	8 29
Testimonials	50 00
Insurance	17 85
Special Grants	455 05
Benevolent Account	25 00
Sundries	10
Net Gain	958 39

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DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

From April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902.

Initiations	\$ 524 00
Dues	1497 00
M. M. Certificates	446 00
P. M. Certificates	35 00
L.M. Certificates	1 00
L. M. Fees	5 00
Charters	122 00
Dispensations	168 00
Books and Forms	214 90
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

March 31st, 1902.

ASSETS.

Books and Forms	\$ 556 21
L.M. Certificates	46 40
M. M. Certificates	118 30
P. M. Certificates	87 50
Fixtures	683 01
Library	1633 68
Regalia	157 68
Library Fixtures	320 12
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Current Account ...	2356 08
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Special Account ...	10 65
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Benevolent Account ...	93 13
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Aged Masons Fund ...	1328 86
Ledger Accounts	573 60

LIABILITIES.

Ledger Accounts	\$ 408 18
Total Assets over Liabilities	7557 04

\$7965 22 \$7965 22

Audited and found correct.

FRED J. C. COX,
J. THOMPSON BLACK,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Librarian, presented his annual report, as follows:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit my report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library:—

BOUND PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1900, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. N. R. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. H. P. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New York for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Oregon for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Texas for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1901, the gift of R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1902, the gift of R. W. Bro. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1902, the gift of R. W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1902, the gift of R. W. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1902, the gift of R. W. Bro. Thos. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED.

Biographs and Engravings, of the Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the gift of R. W. Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

Digest of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the gift of R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Digest and Manual of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, the gift of R. W. Bro. Thos. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Freemasons Calendar and Directory for 1902, the gift of R. W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, G. R. England.

Freemasons Calendar and Directory for 1902, the gift of R. W. Bro. Henry E. Flavelle, Grand Secretary, G. R. Ireland.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the gift of R. W. Bro. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

Transactions of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, the gift of W. Bro. W. F. Staynes.

Thirty-four volumes, Sessional Papers, the gift of M. W. Bro. G. B. Murphy, Past Grand Master, Moosomin.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

We again tender our thanks to the publishers of the following papers, magazines, etc., for their kindness in supplying, free of charge, copies of their respective publications, viz.:

Manitoba Daily Free Press.	The Masonic Chronicle.
Winnipeg Tribune.	The Toronto Freemason.
Morning Telegram.	The Masonic Sun.
Souris Plaindealer.	The Texas Freemason.
Ancient Forester.	The Australian Keystone.
Town Topics.	The Canadian Craftsman.
Boston Ideas.	The Western Mason.
Advance.	The Orient and Sheaf.
The Silent Echo.	The Square and Compass.
Canadian Forester.	The Masonic Token.
Western Watchman.	The Pacific Mason.
The American Tyler.	The Masonic Voice Review.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge are again due to Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying the Congressional Record.

BOOKS PURCHASED.

Cathedral Builders. Concise History of Freemasonry. The Man of Mount Moriah.

READING ROOM.

The annual grant of \$75 voted by the City Lodges, has been expended during the year (under the supervision of a committee composed of one member from each Lodge) in providing suitable reading matter for the room.

I am pleased to report that the interest in the reading room is increasing, as evinced by the number of visitors and resident brethren who avail themselves of its privileges.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of V.W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon, (28) seconded by W. Bro. J. H. Anderson (30), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor, R.W. Bro. John McGuirl, and V.W. Bro. W. J. F. Robertson.

From Yukon Lodge, No. 79, re relief to Brethren in distress.

From Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, re aid to Bro. James Leslie.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:—

Gentlemen:—Your kind message of sympathy conveyed to me by the brethren of the Grand Lodge was received by me with feelings of deep appreciation.

I have been greatly touched by the many expressions of esteem and regard for my beloved husband, in which the language of the message is expressed.

I beg to express in return, my sincere thanks to all the members of the Grand Lodge, for their kindness and consideration for myself and family in our great grief and heavy bereavement.

I am, dear sirs, with renewed thanks and heartfelt appreciation.

Yours in deep sorrow,

DOROTHEA O'MEARA.

The Deanery, St. Johns, June 4th, 1902.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myres (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. O. Smith (1) the Communication of Yukon Lodge No. 79, and Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, were referred to the committee on Benevolence.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.10 o'clock until 2 o'clock, p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.—

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 1st at 2.10 o'clock.

PRESENT. •

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. John de Sousa, Acting Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry respectfully present the following report:—

We have examined the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Masonic Districts, and are pleased to say that the brethren who have held that high office in the several Masonic Districts have evidently fulfilled their duties in a satisfactory and creditable manner, and that harmony prevails.

Your committee is pleased to report a gratifying increase in the membership of nearly all the Lodges reported and find that general prosperity reigns, which no doubt accounts for the fact that but 11 Lodges out of a total of 48, of which statistical reports have been made, have been called upon for relief. Some of these, however, have contributed very generously to the needy, practicing "that virtue which we profess to admire."

Considerable comment is made on the fact that in many cases the ratio of Lodge attendance to total membership is deplorably small. This is not as it should be, and your committee would suggest that Lodges of Instruction be encouraged by Grand Lodge, through its representatives, to be held at intervals in subordinate Lodges.

A better knowledge of Masonic Usages will not only advance the uniformity of the ritualistic work, but also create a better attendance both of officers and members, including Past Masters. Your committee concur in all that R. W. Bro. Leese states re non-attendance of Past Masters at Lodge meetings.

In the matter of Lodge Records your committee finds that there appears to be a lack of uniformity in the keeping of the Secretaries' books and suggest that a uniform system be adhered to, when practicable.

Your committee regret to report that in some Lodges in your Jurisdiction "number of members 12 months in arrears" and "total arrearages" are assuming alarming proportions and would strongly recommend that steps be taken, where necessary, to reduce and keep arrearages within as narrow limits as possible.

Referring to the report of the D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District, re Oak Lake Lodge, your committee would recommend that the succeeding D.D.G.M. take the matter in hand.

Your committee has noted the recommendation of the D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District regarding N.-W. M. P. Lodge, No. 61, and Wascana Lodge, No. 23, located at Regina, your committee is of the opinion that the matter of the amalgamation of the two Lodges be left in the hands of the Brethren of the two Lodges, and their D.D.G.M. during the ensuing term.

Your committee would recommend that the rank of R. W.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters be conferred on the following brethren:—

- R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), Winnipeg.
- R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), Neepawa.
- R. W. Bro. Joseph Cornell (67), Wawanesa.
- R. W. Bro. Isaac Leese (50), Killarney.
- R. W. Bro. Peter Duncan (39), Birtle.
- R. W. Bro. William B. Muir (52), Hartney.
- R. W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol (16), Prince Albert.
- R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head.
- R. W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Anthracite.
- R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), Medicine Hat.
- R. W. Bro. R. A. Cowan (79), Dawson.
- R. W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor (53), Edmonton.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN DE SOUSA,

Acting Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. John de Sousa, (28), seconded by V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster, (60), the Report on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, chairman of the Committee on Foreign relations and Correspondence, presented the following report :—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence respectfully bed to report:—

That we have examined the papers and documents emanating from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and the Grand Lodge of

Egypt, and recommend that fraternal intercourse and an exchange of Representatives be established between the said Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, the Grand Lodge of Egypt and this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. BELL,

Chairman.

On motion of V. W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon, (28), seconded by V. W. Bro. James Scroggie, (10), the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report:—

That in the case of R. W. Bro. Jas. Leslie, of Minnedosa, we recommend the sum of eight dollars per month be taken from Benevolent Account and paid to Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, on his behalf during the ensuing year. That the thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge be tendered this Lodge for the charitable and Masonic spirit displayed in caring for this aged, helpless and worthy P. G. Officer.

That the matter referred to Grand Lodge from the Lodge at Dawson is deserving of attention on two points. Too high words of praise cannot be said in commendation of the magnificent work of relief carried on by the brethren in Dawson City, and we extend our warmest appreciation and encouragement. On the other hand much blame is attached to the conduct of the Lodge that refused to answer Dawson Lodge.

The committee recommend that the Grand Secretary secure from Dawson City the name of the offending Lodge and declare it to its own Grand Lodge in order that Dawson Lodge may be reimbursed for its labors and kindness done by the brethren or their services therewith suitably acknowledged.

That we have only received one application for assistance during the year, to which we granted the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

That the Victorian Aged and Infirm Masons have now available a sum of \$1,328.86. Amount to the credit of the Benevolent Account being \$93.13.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. CRAWFORD,

Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. J. J. Jackson, (1), seconded by W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, (35), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, (33), Chairman of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges has carefully examined the books and returns of the three Lodges placed in their hands and beg to report as follows:—

Sintaluta Lodge, at Sintaluta, eighteen charter members. Instituted Feb. 28th, 1902.

White Horse Lodge, at White Horse, sixteen charter members. Instituted May 5th, 1902.

Cypress Lodge, at Cypress River, eight charter members. Instituted May 13th, 1902, and respectfully recommend that owing to none of the above Lodges having worked four months in accordance with Sec. 282 of the Constitution, the Dispensations be continued for one year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. CAMPKIN,

Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, (33), seconded by V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

W. Bro. John R. Grant, (10), Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902, it authorized payment of accounts presented by the Grand Secretary, as in the summary submitted by him, which have been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for the year April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903:—

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$700 00
Office Rent	200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1902	250 00
Books and Stationery	100 00
Postage and Express Charges	150 00
Grant to Grand Master for Expenses	120 00
Grant to Grand Tyler	10 00
Grant to Assistant Grand Tyler	10 00
Insurance	25 00
Grant to Library	50 00
Contingent Expenses	150 00
Printing Constitutions	200 00

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. GRANT,

Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. John Persse, (3), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor, (32), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Most W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee join with the M. W. the Grand Master, in expressing pleasure that this Communication is held in the Territories at a period in the history of this part of our jurisdiction marked by exceptionally rapid growth in population, material wealth and Masonic progress.

Your Committee heartily approves of the action of the Grand Master in appointing a Committee to prepare some memorial to the worth of M. W. P. G. M. Bro. O'Meara, whose untiring devotion to the highest interests of the Craft is known to all, and whose eloquent addresses on the history, ethical objects and practical service to man of our Order have been a source of instruction and inspiration to his brethren.

Your Committee regrets the inability of the Grand Master to hold Lodges of Instruction this year. The work done by him the previous year met with the warmest approval of his brethren and we express the hope that his successor in office will carry forward this means of improving the ceremonial and business procedure of private Lodges.

Your Committee heartily approves of the remarks of the Grand Master in connection with the Masonic Officers referred to in his address. It is desirable that brethren should realize that their responsibilities to the Craft are as real and binding as their privileges are many and helpful.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand Master on the substantial evidences of Masonic growth under his regime, and especially under the sound Masonic spirit revealed in the reports of the

Grand Lodge Officers. We all realize how much of this is owing to his own devotion, energy, skill and tact.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS TWEED,
Acting Chairman.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, (31), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, (14), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your committee appointed to consider the report of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to say that they have read the annual statement of that officer and find almost absolutely nothing outside of routine matter deserving of mention by your committee.

Your committee notice with pleasure that duties pertaining to the office of the Grand Secretary have been faithfully carried out in so far as we are able to judge by his report.

The only complaint throughout the whole report is the fact that two Lodges, Wascana, No. 23, and Qu'Appelle, No. 34, have failed to make their half-yearly returns. There certainly should be no excuse for this negligence and we feel that the Master of the Lodge should share equally the onus attached to the Secretary. The report is comparatively simple, and for the credit of his Lodge the Master should attend to the duty if the Secretary neglects it.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. McDERMID,
Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor, (32) the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Grand Librarian's Report, and beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee notes with pleasure the contributions to the Library which, though not so large as in former years, still constitute a valuable and welcome addition to our library stores.

They are pleased to note the additions to the purely Masonic portions of our Library, consisting of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges and of Masonic codes. Such gifts enrich the Masonic literature at the disposal of the brethren, in the principles, precepts and proceedings of the Craft.

We agree with the Grand Librarian in his opinion that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, and also to M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, W. Bro. W. F. Staynes, the publishers of the several papers, magazines, etc., and the Grand Secretaries of the sister Grand Lodges for their continued kindness.

Your committee approves the works purchased by the Grand Librarian. They are all of widespread and permanent interest and are a distinct enrichment of the reading matter at the disposal of the brethren, and in the opinion of your committee are a wise investment of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee is pleased to note the continued interest taken in the reading room, and the increasing pleasure and benefits accruing from it to the members of the Craft in the city and elsewhere.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN R. GRANT,
Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie (3), seconded by W. Bro. Wm, Cairns (49), the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on the Fraternal Dead beg leave to report as follows:—

We find from the notices forwarded by sister Grand Lodges that many distinguished Past Grand Lodge Officials and worthy brethren have been enrolled among the illustrious dead during the past year. Prominent among these stands the name of William McKinley, late President of the United States. His foul assassination was universally deplored by all peoples, irrespective of race or creed. The decease of M. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, 1871-1902, is also noted with deep sorrow. He was an experienced Grand Officer and a member of the Craft for nearly half a century. His death is a grievous loss to Freemasonry in Canada. Our own jurisdiction has also suffered a most severe and lamentable loss in the sudden demise at Winnipeg on 6th December, 1901, of our late distinguished brother, M. W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara, P.G.M. His Masonic career extended over a period of more than 28 years, all spent within our own jurisdiction. His devotion and enthusiasm for our order, his sparkling wit and oratorical ability made him a most useful and honored member of the Craft and endeared him in the affections of the brethren. We note that the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the funeral ceremony extended to the widow and family the expression of our most profound sympathy, and that a special committee have in hand the work of erecting a monument over the deceased brother's grave and otherwise honoring his memory. We recommend that a page of the proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to the commemoration of his virtues.

Our jurisdiction has also suffered severe losses in the removal by death of 28 other worthy members, attached to 19 Lodges. A memorial page in our proceedings should likewise be set apart for their remembrance.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. HILL MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

On Motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:30 o'clock, p.m., until Thursday, June 12th, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Second Day : Morning Session.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 12th, at 10.20 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hamilton Lang, (42), seconded by R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, (53), and Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and the Canadian Northern Railway Co. for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO BRETHREN OF ALBERTA.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hill Myers, (14), seconded by M. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, (10), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the brethren of Alberta, and especially those of the City of Calgary, for their hearty welcome. their excellent arrangements for our meeting, and their great kindness in entertaining the visiting brethren during their sojourn in this charming and prosperous city.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, (49).

That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

By M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, (10).

That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Nominating Committee to select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees.—

- R. W. Bro. John L. Campbell (54), Convener.
- R. W. Bro. John McKechnie (1).
- R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10).
- M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed (31).
- R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24).
- R. W. Bro. Isaac Lecce (50).
- R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).
- R. W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside (42).
- R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31).
- R. W. Bro. R. A. Cowan (79).
- R. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (53).
- V. W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62).
- W. Bro. Richard Shore (52).

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. MASTER.

On motion of R.W. Bro. John de Sousa, (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. Laurie, (8), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the

recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:—

I very greatly regret that a sudden accumulation of unforeseen circumstances has prevented my personally presenting my commission as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This regret becomes the more emphatic as I realize my absence deprives me of both anticipated pleasure and instruction promised us, M. W. Sir, in your address on "The Evolution of the Craft."

However, I must first of all, M. W. Sir, extend to yourself, the officers and members of this Grand Lodge in annual Communication assembled the hearty and sincere fraternal good wishes of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and express the hope that may your present gathering not only be a record one, but may T.G.A.O.T.U. so guide and direct your deliberations that much good may ensue therefrom to the Craft in general and this grand jurisdiction in particular.

I would beg leave to report, M. W. Sir, that on the 15th day of October, A.D., 1901, A.L., 5901, in the beautiful Cathedral of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the City of St. Louis there assembled for the 81st Annual Communication the Grand Lodge of Missouri, embracing 55 Masonic Districts, 564 Lodges, and, in round numbers, 35,000 Masons.

M. W. Bro. Campbell Wells occupied the Grand East. Commenting on matters of perhaps more than local interest on his address I would say, that during his year of office he laid personally or by deputy ten (10) corner stones, and remarks:—

"These corner stone ceremonies were witnessed in every instance by large crowds, and, in my opinion, they were of great benefit in awakening of interest in the neighboring Lodges, as well as by the knowledge imparted to the Craft and the public at large by the Masonic addresses delivered on the various occasions by our distinguished brethren."

Some eighteen or twenty State Lodges of Instruction were held and largely attended. A special feature of these Lodges were the able and instructive addresses delivered at the close of the sessions by well informed Masons. Under Physical Qualifications of Candidates a number of questions had been submitted, the applicants having received injuries resulting in loss of either hand, arm, foot or limb. Ruling was only adverse to the applicant who had lost the right hand at wrist. In a case of fingers of right hand, as long as the applicant had sufficient portion of hand left to properly communicate the various grips of the degrees he was eligible.

The Grand Master reports Masonry in a flourishing condition throughout the entire State; the net gain in membership being 1,337, but he says:—

"Our progress has been marked, not only by gains in membership, but by a general dissemination of Masonic light and knowledge among the Craft. This, I think, is largely due to the improvement in the ritualistic work, causing the officers and members to take an increased interest in their Lodges. The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on its present efficient corps of District Lecturers, who by their diligent and patient labors, have so largely assisted in raising the standard of ritualistic work throughout this jurisdiction."

On September 19, 1901, a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened in Tuscan Hall, St. Louis, for the purpose of holding memorial exercises in honor of Bro. William McKinley. At the Masonic Temple there assembled 300 Knight Templars in full uniform from four Commanderies. These together with 1,200 Master Masons escorted the Grand Lodge to the Odcon, where the services were held in the presence of an immense audience, thousands having been turned away after the building was filled to standing room. M. W. P. G. M. Rev. Bro. McD. Vincil was the orator on this occasion.

The Masonic Home, of which Missouri Masons are very proud, is flourishing and caring for 21 old ladies, 21 old gentlemen and 87 children, 55 girls and 32 boys, from 2 years of age upwards. A contemplated additional building for the old folks is in course of construction.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Vincil, tells us he has paid to the home towards this year's income \$16,061.50.

That seven Lodges have received charters and seven new Lodges Dispensations; while as Fraternal Correspondent he has in a most valuable and interesting report reviewed the proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges and deplores the loss of six others which failed to reach him in time.

The Grand Treasurer R. W. Bro. Samuel M. Keemard, as might be expected, shows a goodly balance of \$36,492.98.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Finagin, of St. Louis, was elected and installed Grand Master for the year ending Oct. 21, 1902, when the next Annual Communication will be held at Kansas City, Mo.

Before closing my report, M. W. Sir, a duty devolves upon me, alas, of sorrowful import. It is to convey the heartfelt and sincere sympathies of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Missouri to yourself and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in that they have heard of the very great loss you have in the past year sustained, in the death of M. W. P. G. M. the Very Rev. Dean James Dallas O'Meara, an orator, a scholar and an enthusiast in the Craft. His kindnesses, like his heart, were broad and liberal, and to those who knew him and who fortunately possessed his friendship, to these I say, came home most fully and truly his great brotherliness.

We too, M. W. Sir, are called upon to mourn the demise of a brotherhood of man, and who, though his life fell in different lines, yet in many respects resembles the illustrious brother whose loss you deplore. Alike were they in their kindly natures, line of justice, justice ever tempered with mercy, fluency of speech, power of attracting men to themselves and of forming and retaining mighty friendships. Alike were they in the Christ kinship of their lives and living exponents of those essential principles of Masonry, Virtue, Morality and Brotherly Love.

But while the one merged his life into that of his Church and became her avowed worker and servant; the other carried those ennobling virtues into the political arena. I need hardly say I refer to the late murdered President and illustrious Brother William McKinley.

While then, M. W. Sir, keenly alive to our own loss, in so many respects parallel to your own, permit us to share your fraternal grief and sympathize in your sorrow, and together accom-

panying you round the open grave, may we be permitted also to drop our sprig of acacia, and as one voice and one heart exclaim "Farewell Brother."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK, M.D.,
Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Rapid City, Man., June 7, 1902.

PAST GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following list of Past Grand Master's decisions :—

Ballot—Clear—effect of protest by member—(1882) 22.

Brother in ante room. (1882) 23.

Committee report favorably may defer one month. (Vol. 2) 246.

Business—Done in Third Degree. (Vol. 4) 434.

By-Laws—No force till approved by Grand Master. (Vol. 4) 568.

Corner Stone—Cannot participate with other associations. (Vol. III.) 246.

Degrees—E. A. Degree may not be given by Lodges other than that in which balloted for. (Vol. 3) 480, 524, (Vol. 4) 461, 462.

Irregular—May be healed.

Clandestine—(Vol. 3) 481.

Clandestine—May be healed. (Vol. 3) 126.

Clandestine—May be healed. (Vol. 3) 245.

Clandestine—May be healed. (Vol. 4) 157.

Clandestine—May not be healed. (Vol. 3) 377.

Cannot be confirmed at a festival meeting. (Vol. 4) 434.

Cannot confer E. A. Degree on more than one at same time. (Vol. 4) 568.

Past Masters—not necessary before installation. (1888) 16.

Right to apply for advancement when refused. (1882) 23.

Fees—Not in arrears till all degrees given unless applicant in default. (Vol. 4) 434.

Hall—Removal does not necessitate re-dedication. (1890) 20.

Healing—See Degrees.

Lodge—Opening manner of (1888) 16.

Number required to open—seven—(Vol. 4) 157.

Material—Foreign—(Vol. 3) 376.

Rejected—jurisdiction over—(Vol. 3) 481.

Offences—No jurisdiction unless malum in se. (Vol. 4) 434.

Physical Qualification—Lame in one leg—not disqualified. (1882) 17.

First two fingers in right hand below knuckle gone not disqualified—(1890) 19.

Long index finger of right hand not disqualified. (Vol. 2) 246.

Right hand paralyzed and useless disqualified. (Vol. 4) 296.

Thumb right hand off disqualified. (Vol. 4) 296.

Second, third and fourth fingers of right hand off not disqualified. (Vol. 4) 433.

Loss of left hand not disqualified. (Vol. 4) 568.

Loss of foot disqualified. (Vol. 4) 568.

Loss of left leg above knee not disqualified. (Vol. 5) 21.

Loss of left leg not disqualified. (Vol. 5) 148.

Loss of left arm not disqualified. (Vol. 5) 148.

Amputated foot not disqualified. (Vol. 5) 148.

Loss of right arm disqualified. (Vol. 5) 148.

Generally. (Vol. 4) 437.

Protest—Right to protest against degrees after ballot. (1882) 19.

Degrees after ballot. (Vol. 4) 434.

Against admission into Lodge room of a member. Protest is withdrawn unless an officer. (Vol. 4) 296.

Rejected Material—Jurisdiction over—(Vol. 3) 481.

Worshipful Master—Cannot delegate authority. (Vol. 4) 568.

Visiting Brother—Proper questions. (1876) 13.

Who can admit. (1876) 14.

Privilege of. (1882) 23.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. Hamilton Lang, (42), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. R. S. THORNTON.

On motion of R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, (33), seconded by R. W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, (35), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The general business of Grand Lodge was suspended at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. and a Lodge of Instruction opened, conducted by R. W. Bro. Isaac Leece, who gave a very interesting and instructive explanation of the lectures in the first and second degrees.

THANKS TO R. W. BRO. ISAAC LEECE.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. Hamilton Lang, (42), and resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to R. W. Bro. Isaac Leece for his entertaining and instructive explanation.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place today at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR,

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock a.m., until 2 o'clock p.m.

Second Day: Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

ADDRESS.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his very interesting and instructive address on the "Evolution of the Craft."

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Eustace Cope, (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Wemyss, (24), and resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton for his able address, and that his several addresses be printed in pamphlet form—subject to his approval.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report as follows:—

There are 70 chartered and 3 Lodges U.D. on the Grand Register, 15 Lodges are represented by their own officers; 26 Lodges by proxy; 27 Lodges unrepresented. There are 63 Past Masters Present, making a total vote of 186.

Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge.	W. M.	S. W.	J. W.	P. M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Prince Ruperts				3	I	6
3	Ancient Landmark	I			4		7
4	St. John's					I	3
6	Emerson					I	3
7	Assiniboine					I	3
8	King Solomon				2	I	5
9	Oakland					I	3
10	Northern Light	I			4		7
13	Belmont					I	3
14	Prince of Wales				I	I	4
19	Brandon					I	3
24	Neepawa				I	I	4
25	Ionic	I			I	I	4
26	Moose Jaw	I	I				3
27	Glenwood				I		1
28	Row River	I	I	I	5		8
29	Carberry				I	I	4
30	Manitou				2	I	5
31	Medicine Hat	I	I		3		6
32	Qu'Appelle Valley				I	I	4
33	Indian Head				I	I	4
34	Qu'Appelle				I		1
35	Moosomin	I			2		5
37	Alberta			I	I		4
40	Deloraine				I	I	4
41	North Star				I	I	4
42	Cascade	I	I	I	4		7
45	Spitzie				2	I	5
49	Temple	I			I		4
50	Killarney				I		1

No.	Name of Lodge.	W. M.	S. W.	J. W.	P. M.	Proxy	Total Vote
52	Hartney ....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4
53	Edmonton ....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	6
54	Oriental ....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4
56	Maple Leaf	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
57	Evening Star ....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4
58	Innisfail ....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	4
60	Perfection	1	1	1	4	.....	7
61	N. W. Mounted Police	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4
62	Russell ....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
65	Eureka	1	1	4
66	Acacia	3	1	6
73	Red Deer	1	1	1	1	4
75	Gothic	1	3
78	Jasper	1	3
79	Yukon	1	1	4

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On motion of R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Hamilton Lang (42), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

MONEY GRANTS.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, (10) seconded by R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope, (29) and Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Benevolent account.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, (49), seconded by R.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, (35), and Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers, M.W. Bro.

Thomas Tweed, (31); M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, (10); and R.W. Bro. Isaac Leece, (50); when the election proceeded with the following results:—

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49), Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Re-elected Grand Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, (27), Re-elected Grand Secretary.

V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), Grand Registrar.

W. Bro. Geo. H. Webb (66), Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:

W. Bro. R. F. McTavish (8), Morris, First Masonic District.

W. Bro. W. T. Speed (75), Austin, Second Masonic District.

W. Bro. H. C. Cunningham (9), Carman, Third Masonic District.

W. Bro. R. W. McClung (30), Manitou, Fourth Masonic District.

W. Bro. Alex. McDonagh (62), Russell, Fifth Masonic District.

W. Bro. John A. Taylor (27), Souris, Sixth Masonic District.

W. Bro. James Montgomery (35), Moosomin, Eighth Masonic District.

W. Bro. F. F. Higgs (60), Calgary, Ninth Masonic District.

W. Bro. Robert Patterson (37), Macleod, Tenth Masonic District.

W. Bro. W. V. Tukey (79), Dawson, Eleventh Masonic District.

W. Bro. M. J. McLeod (65), Lacombe, Twelfth Masonic District.

There being no Representatives or Past Masters present from the Seventh Masonic District, the Grand Master elect subsequently appointed R. W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol as District Deputy Grand Master.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster, (60), seconded by W. Bro. J. R. Grant, (10), and Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:

- W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), Grand Senior Deacon.
 - W. Bro. J. H. Anderson (30), Grand Junior Deacon.
 - W. Bro. Sidney P. Fream (73), Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 - W. Bro. H. E. Hayne (61), Grand Organist.
 - W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg (53), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. A. J. Smith (56), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. A. K. Dempster (45), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. John H. Fleetwood (41), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. Geo. S. Haslem (29), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. A. C. Patterson (34), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. Alex. Lowe, (24), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. James L. Laurie (8), Grand Steward.
 - W. Bro. J. J. Jackson (1), Grand Pursuivant.
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported recommending the following Standing Committees.---

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), (chairman); M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40); M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13); M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed (31); R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), (chairman); V. W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43); R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24); R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53); R. W. Bro. Isaac Leece (50).

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), (chairman); R. W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3); R. W. Bro. S. E. Lang (43); R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32); R. W. Bro. A. W. R. Markley (3).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), (chairman); M. W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas (27); M. W. Bro. Canon Matheson (10); R. W. Bro. John L. Campbell (54); R. W. Bro. F. L. Newman (7).

ON BENEVOLENCE.

M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1), (chairman); R. W. Bro. William Crawford (31); R. W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11); V. W. Bro. Wm. Hopkins (77); V. W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

M. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), (chairman); R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33); V. W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62); R. W. Bro. J. O. Smith (1); W. Bro. G. T. Bragg (53).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), (chairman); R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10); W. Bro. H. Cockman (3); R. W. Bro. M. Lawrie (8); R. W. Bro. J. D. Baine (36).

ON FINANCE.

W. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), (chairman); W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25); W. Bro. J. B. Persse (3); V. W. Bro. Jas. Scroggie (10); V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1).

On motion of R. W. Bro. John L. Campbell, (54), seconded by M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, (31), the report of the Nominating Committee was received and confirmed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master Elect, M. W. Bro. R. H. Myers, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees:—

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), (convener); M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed (32); M. W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), (convener); W. Bro. George Patterson (40); R. W. Bro. J. J. White (10).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

R. W. Bro. E. W. Rugg, (convener); W. Bro. John R. Grant (10); R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

M. W. Bro. Canon Matheson (1); R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28); R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

AUDITORS.

V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1); W. Bro. John H. Mitchell (1).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Representatives of sister Grand Lodges as reported present on page 301, were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, assisted by M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the twenty-seventh Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 5.30 o'clock, p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Webb, Grand Chaplain.

Attest:



James A. Ows.

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. R. F. McTavish, Morris.

No. 1—	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg
" 2—	Ligsar	Selkirk
" 3—	Aucient Landmark	Winnipeg
" 4—	St. John's	Winnipeg
" 6—	Emerson	Emerson
" 8—	King Solomon	Morris
" 10—	Northern Light	Winnipeg
" 12—	Stonewall	Stonewall
" 25—	Ionic	Winnipeg
" 55—	East Star	Gretna

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. W. T. Speed, Austin.

No. 7—	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
" 11—	Gladstone	Gladstone
" 24—	Neepawa	Neepawa
" 29—	Carberry	Carberry
" 49—	Temple	Macgregor
" 68—	Vermillion	Dauphin
" 75—	Gothic	Austin

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. H. C. Cunningham, Carman.

No. 9	Oakland	Carman
" 48—	Glenboro	Glenboro
" 51—	Treherne	Treherne
" 63—	Holland	Holland
" 67—	Wawanesa	Wawanesa
" 70—	Shiloh	Roland
U. D.—	Cypress	Cypress River

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. R. W. McClung, Manitou.

No. 13	Belmont	Morden
" 30	Manitou	Manitou
" 46	Doric	Boissevain
" 40	Deloraine	Deloraine
" 50	Killarney	Killarney
" 54	Oriental	Melita
" 71	Crystal	Crystal City
" 77	Napinka	Napinka

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. Alexander McDonagh, Russell.

No. 14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa.
" 15	Corinthian	Rapid City
" 39	Birtle	Birtle
" 62	Russell	Russell
" 69	Yorkton	Yorkton

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W Bro. John A. Taylor, Souris.

No. 19	Brandon	Brandon
" 21	Glenwood	Souris
" 43	Lebanon	Virden
" 44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake
" 52	Hartney	Hartney
" 64	Composite	Alexander
" 74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W Bro. Cyrus Carrol, Prince Albert.

No. 16	Kinistino	Prince Albert
" 72	Duck Lake	Duck Lake

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. James Montgomery, Moosomin.

No. 23	Wascana	Regina
" 26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw

No. 32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33	Indian Head	Indian Head
" 34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle
" 35	Moosomin	Moosomin
" 47	Ashlar	Whitewood
" 57	Evening Star	Grenfell
" 61	North-West Mounted Police	Regina
U. D.	Sintaluta	Sintaluta

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. F. F. Higgs, Calgary.

No. 28	Bow River	Calgary
" 42	Cascade	Anthracite
" 58	Innisfail	Innisfail
" 60	Perfection	Calgary
" 73	Red Deer	Red Deer

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, Macleod.

No. 31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
" 37	Alberta	Macleod
" 41	North Star	Lethbridge
" 55	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
" 56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. W. V. Tukey, Dawson.

No. 79	Yukon	Dawson
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TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. R.W. Bro. M. J. McLeod, Lacombe.

No. 33	Edmonton	Edmonton
" 65	Eureka	Lacombe
" 66	Acacia	South Edmonton
" 76	Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan
" 78	Jasper	Edmonton

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	0
Second Masonic District	7
Third Masonic District	7
Fourth Masonic District	8
Fifth Masonic District	5
Sixth Masonic District	7
Seventh Masonic District	2
Eighth Masonic District	0
Ninth Masonic District	5
Tenth Masonic District	5
Eleventh Masonic District	2
Twelfth Masonic District	5
Total	73

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
John McKenzie Smith	May 21, 1901	Prince Rupert's	1
Albert Bright	June 10, 1901	Ancient Landmark	3
Charles John Panser	"	"	3
Arch. Cook Sutherland	"	"	3
William Ames	January 2, 1901	St. John's	4
Peter R. Lamb	"	"	4
George McComb Lowe	"	"	4
Thomas Lyons	"	"	4
Alexander McGowan	"	"	4
Norman McKenzie	"	"	4
Joseph L. Pruce	"	"	4
William F. Ross	"	"	4
William Rutherford	"	"	4
George Templeman	"	"	4
Frank Henry Crooks	June 25, 1901	Stonewall	12
Angus McLean	"	"	12
Peter S. McDonald	"	"	12
William James Andrews	December 19, 1901	Belmont	13
James Bryans	"	"	13
Benjamin Chubb	"	"	13
Robert Fitzsimmons	"	"	13
William Grain	"	"	13
Henry S. Lemon	"	"	13
B. J. McConnell	"	"	13
Elisha Moore	"	"	13
Chas. Cooper Rutland	"	"	13
William John Robinson	"	"	13
Earnest O. Ritz	"	"	13
Robert Windsor Bird	July 9, 1901	Brandon	19
William F. A. Wilson	"	"	19
William Riddell	April 2, 1901	Wascana	23
William C. Hamilton	"	"	23
W. R. Stephen	"	"	23
Fred. M. Crapper	"	"	23
Henry Jeffrey	"	"	23
David H. Gillespie	"	"	23
W. M. Lambert	"	"	23
R. H. Lightfoot	"	"	23
J. M. Creamer	"	"	23
William Stanley	"	"	23
James McKee	"	"	23
L. A. Ferguson	"	"	23

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

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NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	£ %
James Jeffrey	April 2, 1901	Wascana	23
Frank R. Evans	"	"	23
James N. Chatwin	"	"	23
Jesse W. Baker	June 26, 1901	Neepawa	24
Robert A. Bruce	October 23, 1901	"	24
George A. Davidson	"	"	24
Joel Warren Baker	October 4, 1901	Ionie	25
Henry J. Douglass	"	"	25
Robert H. Malcolm	"	"	25
Chas. M. Eddington	December 6, 1901	"	25
William A. Jowett	"	"	25
John Verner	"	"	25
John Logan	October 8, 1901	Moose Jaw	26
John L. Tullock	November 12, 1901	"	26
Chas. D. M. Biunt	December 3, 1901	Bow River	28
Edward DePencier	November 19, 1901	Manitou	30
William T. Woodcan	" 20	Deloraine	40
Angus White	February 28, 1901	Cascade	42
Edward Lee	March 28, 1901	"	42
Frank Harper	"	"	42
William G. Haultain	November 23, 1901	Spitzie	45
Robert C. McDonald	"	"	45
John F. Burne	"	"	45
David C. Craig	"	"	45
Charles E. Livingstone	October 2, 1901	Temple	49
John F. Bennett	August 1, 1901	N.W. Mounted Police	61
William H. Haslett	"	"	61
Henry W. Bruson	"	"	61
David John Cummings	December 5, 1901	"	61
Ernest Harris	"	"	61
Charles F. L. Money	"	"	61
William Nichols	"	"	61
Thomas A. Kirkland	March 28, 1901	Yorkton	69

REINSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAY- MENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Henry James Austin	May 21, 1901	Prince Rupert's	1
James S. Hunt	January 15, 1901 ..	"	1
Saul Martin	August 21, 1901....	"	1
Joseph Eugene Crews	November 11, 1901	Ancient Landmark..	3
William Ames	June 5, 1901	St. John	4
Samuel Biggins	March 6, 1901	"	4
Harry Hodges	"	"	4
Alexander McGowan	April 6, 1901	"	4
J. L. Pruce	June 5, 1901	"	4
Frank Wade	December 4, 1901..	"	4
Arthur J. Baker	April 3, 1901	Neepawa	24
Henry Wiles	January 4, 1901	Ionic	25
Joseph Eugene Battell	" 8, 1901	Moose Jaw	26
George Lane	April 4, 1901	Bow River	28
William C. Podger	March 11, 1901	"	28
John E. Lamar	March 2, 1901	Alberta	37
James R. Scott	February 20, 1901..	"	37
John Brown	September 9, 1901..	North Star	41
James Downs	December 24, 1901..	Lebanon	43

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town and Post Office Address.	Municipality	Province or District	W. Master.	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	A. B. Baird	G. A. Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month
2	Lazar	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan	W. W. Fryer	C. R. Little	First Monday in each month
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	H. Cockman	John W. Lord	Second Monday in each month
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Ino T. Bragg	Wm. Mowat	Second Thursday in each month
5	Emerson	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Ezra Casselman	J. M. McDonald	Thursday on or before full moon
6	Assiniboia	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	F. L. Newman	R. W. Bateman	Third Wednesday in each month
7	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	A. T. Smith	E. F. McTavish	Third Tuesday in each month
8	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Wm. Jameson	E. S. Smith	Tuesday on or before full moon
9	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Wm. McBride	Wm. Hill	Third Thursday in each month
10	Stonewall	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Joshua Hack	J. Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon
11	Belmont	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	W. Montgomery	T. Rogers	Tuesday on or before full moon
12	Prince of Wales	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	J. N. Driver	J. Gilchrist	Thursday on or before full moon
13	Carinthian	Minneapolis	Odessa	Manitoba	J. S. Armitage	W. H. Sparling	Friday on or before full moon
14	Kinistino	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan	C. J. Butcher	A. F. LePage	First Tuesday in each month
15	Brandon	Prince Albert	Brandon	Manitoba	N. J. Halpin	H. L. Adolph	First Friday in each month
16	Wascana	Regina	Brandon	Manitoba	David Low	T. W. Part	Second Tuesday in each month
17	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	David Lawrence	J. Wm. Ryan	First Tuesday in each month
18	Jonas	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	R. A. Pryor	W. C. Copeland	Wednesday on or before full moon
19	Moose Jaw	Souris	Souris	Manitoba	W. L. Saulters	H. J. Sykes	First Friday in each month
20	Bow River	Calgary	Glenwood	Manitoba	S. S. Smith	W. H. Menarey	Second Tuesday in each month
21	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	North Cypress	Manitoba	J. Grant Gordon	J. de Smet	Second Monday in each month
22	Qu'Appelle Valley	Port Qu'Appelle	Pembina	Manitoba	Benji Stepiant	F. de Smet	Tuesday on or before full moon
23	Indian Head	Indian Head	Indian Head	Manitoba	John S. Grant	R. W. Adams	Friday on or before full moon
24	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Manitoba	C. E. Smyth	O. W. McLaughlin	Tuesday on or after full moon
25	Neocomin	Neocomin	Neocomin	Manitoba	W. S. Hickley	P. S. Preston	Tuesday on or before full moon
26	Neocomin	Neocomin	Neocomin	Manitoba	A. Dickson	P. S. Preston	Wednesday on or before full moon
27	Neocomin	Neocomin	Neocomin	Manitoba	Geo. W. Vickers	Wm. Clark	Wednesday on or before full moon
28	Neocomin	Neocomin	Neocomin	Manitoba	D. D. Ellis	K. A. Price	Fourth Tuesday in each month
29	Neocomin	Neocomin	Neocomin	Manitoba	D. D. Ellis	K. A. Price	Wednesday on or before full moon
30	Neocomin	Neocomin	Neocomin	Manitoba	D. D. Ellis	K. A. Price	Wednesday on or before full moon

39) Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	D. A. Wickham	Peter Duncan	Second Monday in each month.
40) Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Alberta	J. M. Rankin	W. R. David	Wednesday on or before full moon.
41) North Star*	Lethbridge	Wallace	Manitoba	R. B. Deane	Robert Sage	Second Monday in each month.
42) Cascade	Anthracite	Sifton	Manitoba	W. McLittle	H. Lang	Thursday on or before full moon.
43) Lebanon*	Vinden	Wallace	Manitoba	J. F. C. Menlove	C. E. Pines	Thursday on or before full moon.
44) Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Wallace	Manitoba	T. B. Mitchell	W. J. Hollwell	Friday on or before full moon.
45) Spritzle	Pincher Creek	Wallace	Manitoba	E. G. Ambrose	H. R. Grant	Tuesday on or before full moon.
46) Ashlar	Whitewood	South Cypress	Manitoba	J. W. Muirhead	D. Munro	Second Monday in each month.
47) Ashlar	Glenboro	North Norfolk	Manitoba	James Mitchell	F. M. Berry	Wednesday on or after full moon.
48) Temple	Macgregor	Turtle Mount'n	Manitoba	William Cairns	F. M. Berry	Friday on or before full moon.
49) Killarney*	Killarney	South Norfolk	Manitoba	J. M. Baldwin	J. J. Floyd	Friday on or before full moon.
50) Killarney*	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	J. M. Baldwin	J. J. Floyd	Friday on or before full moon.
51) Treherne	Hartney	Cameron	Manitoba	J. M. Baldwin	J. J. Floyd	Friday on or before full moon.
52) Hartney	Edmonton	Cameron	Manitoba	J. M. Baldwin	J. J. Floyd	Friday on or before full moon.
53) Edmonton	Melita	Cameron	Manitoba	J. M. Baldwin	J. J. Floyd	Friday on or before full moon.
54) Oriental	Gretina	Arthur	Manitoba	K. W. McKenzie	J. W. Morris	Third Thursday in each month.
55) East Star	Maple Creek	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
56) Maple Leaf	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
57) Evening Star	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
58) Innisfail	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
59) Perfection	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
60) N.W.M. Police	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
61) Russell	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
62) Holland	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
63) Composite	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
64) Eureka	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
65) Acacia	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
66) Wawanesa	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
67) Vermillion	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
68) Yorkton	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
69) Shiloh	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
70) Crystal	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
71) Red Deer	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
72) Gothic	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
73) Victoria	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
74) Napinka	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
75) Jasper	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.
76) Yukon	Gretina	Rhineland	Manitoba	O. Ritz	H. R. McEwan	Friday on or before full moon.

DEATHS 29--20 LODGES.

NAME	DATE.	LODGE.	Σ
James Dallas O'Meara	December 6, 1901 ..	Prince Rupert's	1
George Callum Whyte	October 24, 1901	" "	1
Robinson E. Braden	September 20, 1901 ..	St John's	4
Joseph Coupel	October 12, 1901	Assiniboine	7
John B. Somerset	March 6, 1901	Northern Light	10
William Hargreaves	May 31, 1901	"	10
Alexander G. McKenzie ...	September 17, 1901 ..	Stonewall	12
Fred. H. Holloway	September 20, 1901 ..	Belmont	13
Hugh N. Bain	October 2, 1901	Kinistino	16
Joseph Finlayson	August 4, 1901	"	16
Benjamin F. H. Hurdman ..	March 28, 1901	Brandon	19
Robert R. Hughes	May 12, 1901	Ionic	25
Neil S. Shaw	September 1, 1901 ..	"	25
Earnest H. Moorhouse	November 11, 1901 ..	Moose Jaw	26
Peter McCarthy	October 7, 1901	Bow River	28
James Dolphin	April 1, 1901	Medicine Hat	31
Thomas J. Lake	February, 19, 1901 ..	Moosomin	35
Robert Miller	January 14, 1901	"	35
Hiram C. Buchanan	October 1, 1901	"	35
John A. Patterson	February 3, 1901 ..	North Star	41
George E. Rowley	"	"	41
James Falshaw	April 16, 1901	Cascade	42
Jacob Ruckert	April 28, 1901	Lebanon	43
Edward A. Holmes	December 16, 1901 ..	"	43
James Cameron	March 28, 1901	Oak Lake	44
Daniel McCallum	August 20, 1901	"	44
Charles Guernsey	March 13, 1901	Spitzie	45
Robert Kerr	April 1, 1901	Holland	63
Thomas Rae	April 25, 1901	"	63
John E. Bennie	June 11, 1901	Composite	64

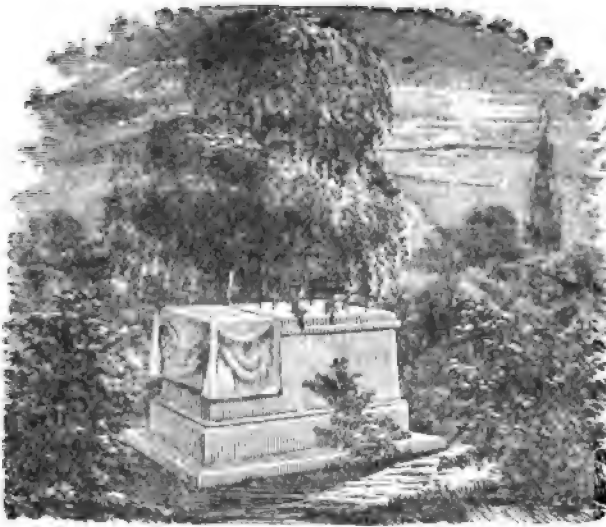


In Memory

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**Twenty-Nine Brethren of the Twenty Lodges
whose deaths have been reported during
the Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1901.**

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best-beloved friends away..
And then we call them dead.



In Memory

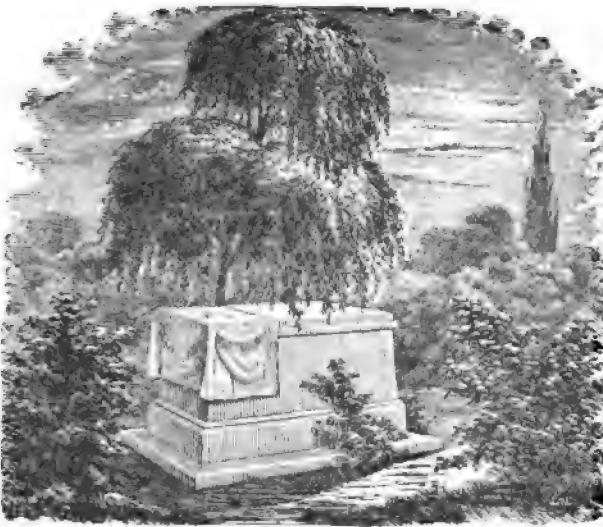
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ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

. . . of . . .

SISTER GRAND LODGES.

**"Gone to that distant awe-inspiring sphere,
Whose joys are wrung from tears of sorrow here."**



In Memoriam.

M.W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara,
Past Grand Master,

Died at Winnipeg, Dec. 6th, 1901.

**“ I say unto you, those who have
lived well are still living.”**

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1902.

M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, (14) Minnedosa	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, (53) Edmonton...	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, (49) McGregor...	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, (10) Winnipeg.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. F. McTavish, (8) Morris	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. W. T. Speed, (75) Austin.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. C. W. Cunningham, (9) Carman	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. R. W. McClung, (30) Manitou.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Alexander McDonagh, (62) Russell	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. John A. Taylor, (27) Souris.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Cyrus Carroll, (16) Prince Albert	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. James Montgomery, (35) Moosomin	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. F. F. Higgs, (60) Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, (37) Macleod	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. W. V. Tukey, (79) Dawson	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. M. J. McLeod, (65) Lacombe	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, (1) Winnipeg.....	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, (27) Winnipeg	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster, (60) Calgary	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Webb, (66) Strathcona.....	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, (35) Fleming	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, (30) Manitou	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Sidney P. Fream, (73) Red Deer	Gnd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. H. E. Hayne, (61) Regina	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg, (53) Edmonton	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. J. Smith, (56) Maple Creek	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. K. Dempster, (45) Pincher Creek.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John H. Fleetwood, (41) Lethbridge.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Geo. S. Haslem, (29) Carberry.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. C. Patterson, (34) Qu'Appelle	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Alex. Lowe, (24) Neepawa	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. James L. Laurie, (8) Morris	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. J. Jackson, (1) Winnipeg.....	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John McBride, (3) Winnipeg.....	Grand Tyler.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND
ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.
DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
British Columbia	R. E. Brett	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario) ..	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island ..	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will. H. Whyte	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth ..	London.
Ireland	H. T. Flavelle, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp ..	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskrige	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	Geo. Johnston	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Wm. D. Todd	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bertram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia ..	Alvine W. Johnston ..	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Wilbur P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	T. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	N. R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. T.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dw'r St.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medlary	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson ..	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover ..	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederick Speed	Jackson.

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OF THE GRAND LODGE SECRETARIES—Continued.

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Plattsmouth.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thos. H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. Temple.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. Temple.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. Temple.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, Box 5.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 5.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Geo. W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	Wm. W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Costa Rica	Edmond A. Osborne	San Jose.
Cuba	Amelio Miranda	Havana.
Egypt	Michel Bey Salah	Cairo.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Auckland.
South Africa	H. S. Everett	Cape Town.
South Australia	Jas. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON
THE 22TH OF MAY, 1875 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.**

W H I S T E R	GRAND MASTERS.	DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND REGISTRARS.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1875	*Rev W C Clarke.	*Hon W N Kerr nedy.	Jas Henderson.	*S L Bedson	*Col Jno Kennedy	*John H Bell	*H T Champion	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1876	*Hon W N Kerr nedy.	Jas. Henderson	*S L Bedson	G F Newcomb	*J J Johnson	*John H Bell	*J W Harris	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1877	G F Newcomb.	Jas Henderson	John W Harris		*J J Johnson	*John H Bell	*Col John Kennedy	*Rev Canon S P O'Meara.
1878	G F Newcomb	*John W Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F T Bradley	*J J Johnson	*John H Bell	*Col John Kennedy	*Rev Canon J D Matheson.
1879	Rev Canon S Matheson.	*John W Harris	*Simon Duffin.	R McQuaig	*J J Johnson	*John H Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1880	*John H Bell		*Hon G McMei- Ken.	*J M McGregor	*J J Johnson	Wm G Scott	*D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1881	*John H Bell	Wm G Scott	*D B Murray		*J J Johnson	Jas. Henderson	*D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1882	*John H Bell	Wm G Scott	*Alfred Pearson		*J J Johnson		*D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1883	*John H Bell	*D B Murray	R McQuaig	*John Smith, M D.	*J J Johnson	Wm G Scott	D Young, M D	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1884	*John H Bell		*Rev J M Well- Wood	N T Lindsay, M D	*J J Johnson	Wm G Scott	*Wm Simpson	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1885		*Alfred Pearson	P. McGregor	*Thos Collins	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	*J W H Wilson	*Rev J M Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor	*J W H Wilson	*J K Brydon	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	Wm G Bell	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark	John A Kerr	Jas A Ovas	Wm G Bell	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	Jas S Greig	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A Ovas	Wm G Bell	R C Brown	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	Joseph Daniel	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara.
1889	*Rev Canon James Wm G Bell	Wm G Bell	Thos L Morton	*Thos McPherson	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	James A Payne	Rev Arthur W Gould- ing.

1891	Wm G Bell	John W H Willson	Richard D Foley	John Leslie	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	JAMES U DUGG	†Rev Wm J Garton
1892	†John W H Wilson	D J Goggin	F G Lewin	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	Wm A Windatt	†Rev Wm J Garton
1893	D J Goggin	Thos Robinson	Thos Tweed	Corbet Locke	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	J H Manson	†Rev Wm J Garton
1894	Thomas Tweed	Charles N Bell	Corbet Locke	Hugh L Bain	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	†Rev A W F Cooper	Rev C B Pitblado
1895	Charles N Bell	Corbet Locke	James Leslie	G B Murphy	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	*John Chambers	Rev C B Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke	John Leslie	F L Newman	T F English	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	C N Mitchell	Rev J W Matheson
1897	Thomas Robinson	G B Murphy	†Rev W J Garton	Wm Crawford	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	J O Smith	Rev Andrew Chisholm
1898	George B Murphy	H J Eberts	R S Thornton	W A Windatt	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	Edgar W Rugg	Rev C R Littler
1899	John Leslie	R S Thornton	W A Windatt	S B Jameson	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	J A Sutherland	Rev J W Muirhead
1900	R S Thornton	†Wm Jno Garton	Wm Fenwick	R Hill Myers	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	E A Braithwaite	Rev A B Baird
1901	R S Thornton	R Hill Myers	E A Braithwaite	Rev A Chisholm	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	James M Suttie	Rev A B Baird
1902	R Hill Myers	E A Braithwaite	Rev A Chisholm	Geo W Baker	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	Geo H Webster	Rev Geo H Webb

*Dead

†Removed from Jurisdiction

‡Withdrawn from Masonry

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Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Membr'ship 27th Dec. 1900.	Membr'ship 27th Dec. 1901.
1	Prince Rupert	14	14	10	8	3	5	1	...	2	1	201	218
2	Lisgar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	59
3	Ancient Landmark	8	6	4	6	1	3	3	...	...	...	175	184
4	St. John's	4	3	3	1	6	2	11	...	1	2	151	148
6	Emerson	3	2	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	42	44
7	Assiniboine	1	1	...	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	62	62
8	King Solomon	7	6	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	47	52
9	Oakland	7	6	6	...	...	6	...	...	1	...	46	46
10	Northern Light	7	7	8	3	...	3	...	...	2	...	93	98
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	33
12	Stonewall	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	29	25
13	Belmont	6	4	4	...	...	4	11	...	1	...	77	67
14	Prince of Wales	3	4	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	55	58
15	Corinthian	3	3	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	32	34
16	Kinistino	3	2	4	2	...	3	...	...	2	4	56	56
19	Brandon	5	3	5	2	...	2	2	...	1	...	103	105
23	Wascana	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	...	...	3	51	37
24	Neepawa	7	7	5	...	1	4	3	...	...	...	47	48
25	Ionie	5	5	8	...	1	...	6	...	2	3	106	104
26	Moose Jaw	5	4	2	2	1	2	2	...	1	1	52	55
27	Glenwood	5	5	4	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	45	45
28	Bow River	22	23	22	4	2	2	1	...	1	...	93	117
29	Carberry	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	35
30	Maniton	1	1	1	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	34	30

31 Medicine Hat.....	1	3	3	1	1	1	62
32 Qu'Appelle Valley.....	3	3	4	1	4	1	60
33 Indian Head.....	2	4	5	1	3	2	32
34 Qu'Appelle.....	2	2	2	3	1	46	46
35 Moosomin.....	3	4	4	1	1	20	25
36 Doris.....	3	3	3	1	1	64	63
37 Alberta.....	3	3	3	1	2	62	62
38 Battle, Charter surrendered.....	1	1	1	2	9	62	66
39 Birtle.....	4	2	2	1	1	20	11
40 Deloraine.....	1	1	1	1	1	29	30
41 North Star.....	3	3	3	1	2	39	41
42 Cascade.....	6	3	3	1	3	63	62
43 Lebanon.....	2	2	2	1	1	42	41
44 Oak Lake.....	3	5	5	1	2	33	37
45 Spitzie.....	6	4	2	1	1	27	27
47 Ashlar.....	4	4	2	1	1	39	37
48 Glenboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	28	34
49 Temple.....	1	1	1	1	1	40	40
50 Killarney.....	5	4	3	1	1	29	32
51 Treherne.....	7	9	9	2	3	29	31
52 Hartney.....	1	1	1	2	7	27	32
53 Edmonton.....	3	2	3	1	2	43	48
54 Oriental.....	2	2	2	1	2	59	55
55 East Star.....	2	2	2	1	1	36	40
56 Maple Leaf.....	2	1	1	1	1	22	23
57 Evening Star.....	4	1	3	3	1	22	24
58 Innisfail.....	7	6	6	1	2	44	48
60 Perfection.....	19	21	15	3	1	24	30
61 North-West Mounted Police.....	3	2	2	1	4	88	109
62 Russell.....	2	4	3	1	3	40	33
63 Holland.....	1	1	1	1	2	35	32
64 Composite.....	2	3	2	3	1	38	38
65 Eureka.....	4	5	5	2	5	27	27
66 Acacia.....	4	5	5	2	5	21	26
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67	Wawanesa	8	6	8	2	1						22	23
68	Vermillion	5	5	4	1						1	26	33
69	Yorkton	1	1	1	2		3	1				30	32
70	Shiloh	4	2	1			1					22	24
71	Crystal	4	4	4			2					25	27
72	Duck Lake	9	8	10	4		1				2	16	19
73	Red Deer	4	4	4	1						3	24	36
74	Elkhorn	2	2	3	2						1	16	21
75	Gothic	1	2	2	12							17	21
76	Victoria	10	7	7	9		1						17
77	Napinka	5	5	5	17								31
78	Jasper	33	26	25	31								64
79	Yukon	311	284	273	150	19	124	77		31	31	3238	3486

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER
GRAND LODGES.

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	Amelius Irving ...	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munroe ...	Woodstock ...	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	Geo. W. G. Bonner	Halifax	January 7, 1899
Prince Ed'd Is'd	Thos. A. McLe an	Charlottetown .	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte ...	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

England	S. G. Kirchhoffer	London	July 1, 1901
Ireland	Rt. R'd J. B. Crozier	Dublin	October 25, 1898
Scotland	Jas. Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1899

IN THE UNITED STATES.

Alabama	J. W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	R. H. Hethrington	Prescott	April 10, 1901
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	Sept. 10, 1891
Connecticut	Geo. W. Bentley	New London ..	March 2, 1876
Delaware	And'w L. Johnson	Wilmington ...	October 16, 1895
Dis. of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby ..	Washington ...	November 15, 1901
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee ...	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart ..	Placerville	June 19, 1879
Illinois	Hugh R. Stewart ..	Chicago	September 10, 1901
Indian Territory	William Jas. Oak	Goodland	March 18, 1898
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Osage	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles ..	May 1, 1895
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee ..	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell ..	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES--Continued.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Mississippi.....	John Rice.....	Sardis.....	December 7, 1876
Missouri.....	W. R. Stubblefield	Salem.....	January 20, 1899
Montana.....	Julian M. Knight..	Virginia City..	November 29, 1875
Nebraska.....	Job J. King.....	O'Neil.....	November 1, 1899
Nevada.....	Alex. O. Percy....	Gold Hill.....	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder.....	Manchester....	December 5, 1887
New Jersey.....	Charles H. Styles..	Burlington.....	November 23, 1894
New Mexico.....	J. J. Kelly.....	Silver City.....	March 1, 1892
New York.....	Robert Roberts....	New York.....	December 10, 1892
North Carolina..	Samuel H. Smith...	Winston.....	May 13, 1891
North Dakota..	Thomas Nisbet....	Grand Forks..	March 15, 1899
Ohio.....	Rev. C. G. Martin..	Sandusky.....	July 31, 1899
Oregon.....	Wm. H. Hobson....	Salem.....	January 24, 1899
Rhode Island...	W. Lester Hill....	Providence....	February 4, 1899
South Carolina..	Charles Inglesby..	Charleston....	April 10, 1876
South Dakota...	John A. Cleaver....	Huron.....	April 2, 1902
Tennessee.....	Milton H. Price....	De Soto.....	April 11, 1899
Texas.....	E. J. Simpkins....	Corsicana.....	September 16, 1891
Utah.....	Adolph Anderson..	Salt Lake City.	September 12, 1890
Vermont.....	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg.....	May 20, 1891
Virginia.....	Frank Gilmer.....	Charlottesville.	February 8, 1899
Washington.....	Edward R. Hare....	Tacoma.....	January 12, 1900
West Virginia...	James Luke, Jr....	New Cumberl'd	December 10, 1898
Wisconsin.....	John Gill.....	Milwaukee.....	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of.	Rafael Joglar.....	Havana.....	May 13, 1891
Egypt.....	Mickel Bey Saleh..	Cairo.....	July 4, 1902
New South Wales	Ellis Robinson....	Sidney.....	November 10, 1893
New Zealand....	Hon. Hy. Feldwick	Tuercargill...	December 10, 1892
Oklahoma.....	C. E. Elliott.....	Blackwell.....	January 13, 1902
South Australia.	Jas. Magor Symons	Moonta.....	January 7, 1892
Victoria.....	R. Kilpatrick.....	Melbourne....	February 16, 1891
West'n Australia	R. T. Robinson....	Perth.....	January 7, 1902

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James A. Carley...	Winnipeg	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick	John McGuirl....	Moosomin	April 6, 1899
Nova Scotia	John Wemyss	Neepawa	January 20, 1902
Prince E. Island	John J. Jackson...	Winnipeg	June 22, 1899
Quebec	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

England	Thomas Robinson.	Winnipeg	October 15, 1869
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell.....	Winnipeg	August 5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	A. B. Gillis	Whitewood	May 10, 1900
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Port. la Prairie	January 5, 1899
California	F. Leslie Newman	Port. la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	John R. Jones	Winnipeg	May 7, 1900
Connecticut	Geo. W. Baker	Winnipeg	March 27, 1899
Delaware	Alex. J. Belch....	Winnipeg	January 1, 1898
Dis. of Columbia	G. S. McGregor ..	Mekiwin	June 20, 1900
Florida	James D. Baine....	Boissevain	May 21, 1897
Georgia	Thos. L. Morton...	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John R. Grant....	Winnipeg	July 15, 1901
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas....	Winnipeg	January 1, 1895
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine	December 20, 1898
Maryland	D. H. McFadden...	Emerson	January 5, 1899
Michigan	John McKechnie..	Winnipeg	January 1, 1900
Minnesota	Thos. W. Taylor...	Winnipeg	December 26, 1898
Mississippi	Jas. E. Maynard...	Boissevain	July 19, 1900
Missouri	R. P. Crookshank.	Rapid City	July 12, 1901
Montana	Herman J. Eberts.	Winnipeg	April 23, 1897
Nebraska	Richard D. Foley.	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Nevada	Corbet Locke.....	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin..	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey.....	Wm. J. Ptolemy..	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico.....	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris..	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina..	William Crawford	Medicine Hat..	May 5, 1891
North Dakota ..	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk	January 5, 1899
Ohio	W. C. Copeland..	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. L. Young..	Souris	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island...	James Geo. Dagg..	Selkirk	December 8, 1894
South Carolina..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota...	Herbt. H. Goulter	Viriden	December 1, 1897
Tennessee	Harry H. Campkin	Indian Head ..	May 1, 1899
Texas	Henry Jas Pugh..	Viriden	April 3, 1899
Utah	Geo. B. Murphy..	Moosomin	May 20, 1897
Vermont.....	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1896
Virginia.....	Robt. Hill Myers.	Minnedosa	December 30, 1898
Washington	Wm. E. Hazley...	Winnipeg	January 11, 1900
West Virginia...	William Fenwick.	Alexander	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin	William Braden ..	Winnipeg	May 22, 1899

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Costa Rica.....	T Harry Webb....	Winnipeg	July 4, 1902
Cuba, Island of.	John McOuat....	Stony Mtn	April 14, 1901
Egypt	John N. Campbell	Melita	July 4, 1902
New Sth Wales.	Danl. H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1899
New Zealand ...	Thomas Tweed...	Medicine Hat..	February 25, 1893
Oklahoma	Thomas McNabb ..	Lethbridge	January 4, 1902
South Australia.	Corbet Locke.....	Morden	April 2, 1900
Victoria	Francis G. Lewin	Moosomin	February 14, 1894
West'n Australia	E. Nelson Brown	Calgary	November 4, 1901

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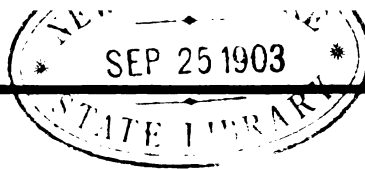
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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the
Town Hall, at the Village of Hargrave, on the afternoon
of Wednesday, July 9th. A.D. 1902, A.L. 5902.

PRESENT :

W. Bro. J. F. C. Menloveas Grand Master
W. " H. J. Pughas Deputy Grand Master
W. " Geo. Perryas Grand Senior Warden
 " Geo. Clingan as Grand Junior Warden
 " A. G. McDougall... ..as Grand Treasurer
 " C. E. Pineoas Grand Secretary
W. " Thomas Frameas Grand Chaplain
 " W. J. Gylesas Grand Senior Deacon
 " Geo. Jarretas Grand Junior Deacon
W. " J. D. McNivenas Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. " H. H. Goulteras Grand Organist
 " R. J. Dukeas Grand Steward
 " H. J. Honey.....as Grand Pursuivant
 " Thomas Willis.....as Grand Tyler
and a large number of brethren from Virden Lodge, No. 43, and Elkhorn
Lodge, No. 74.

GRAND LODGE OPENED

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by W. Bro. J. F. C. Menlove, Past Master of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, who announced that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Holmes Memorial Church.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the acting Grand Master and acting Grand Officers were received by Rev. Bro. McAdam Harding, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Brandon, and the office-bearers of the Church, and took their proper positions on the platform.

The impressive service of the Episcopal Church was conducted by Rev. Bro. McAdam Harding. The Rector of St. Mary's Church, Virden, then requested the acting Grand Master to proceed with the ceremony.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll:

**In the Name of and by the Favor of The Great Architect
of Heaven and Earth**

on the

9th Day of July, A.D. 1902, A.E. 5902

**And in the second year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign
EDWARD VII.**

King of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF MINTO
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada**

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR WILFRID LAURIER**Premier of the Dominion of Canada****SIR D. H. McMILLAN****Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba****HON. R. P. ROBLIN****Premier of the Province of Manitoba****MOST REV. ROBERT MACHRAY, D.D.****Archbishop of Rupert's Land****REV. MCADAM HARDING****Dean of Brandon and Rector of St. Matthew's, Brandon****M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master****R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Deputy Grand Master****R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Grand Senior Warden****R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, Grand Junior Warden****R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer****M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary****R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster, Grand Registrar****R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webb, Grand Chaplain****THE CORNER STONE****Of the Holmes Memorial Church was laid by W. Bro. J. F. C. Menlove****Acting Grand Master, according to the rules and****usages of our Ancient Craft,****Which may God ever bless and prosper.**

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it "WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY," and called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to make the proclamation.

Grand Director of Ceremonies—In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, I now proclaim that the corner stone of the structure here to be erected, has this day been proved square, level and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft, by the acting Grand Master of Masons.

W. Bro. J. F. C. Menlove, the Acting Grand Master, then addressed the people there assembled as follows :

Ladies and Gentlemen :—

On this important occasion, the laying of the corner stone of this church to be erected in memory of a noble character and a brother mason, I feel that representing as I do this afternoon, the M. W. Grand Master of Manitoba, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, that I am called upon to make a few remarks.

From time immemorial it has been the custom of Free Masons to lay the corner stone at the north east corner of important buildings. As King Solomon first Grand Master of Masonry laid the corner stone of the temple at Jerusalem, so have Grand Masters from that time to the present performed the same important task.

This stone has to-day been found of good workmanship, true and trusty. I hope that there may be erected hereon a structure that may prove an ornament to your village, a credit to the builders, and a place where you may gather together to offer up in prayer and hymn thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for that share of his bountiful providence with which he has been pleased to bless you.

I trust that the erection may take place without discord or mishap among the workmen engaged and that finally it may be completed and receive the blessing of your Archbishop, free of all debt or incumbrance.

I am sure that you all join with me in congratulating the building committee on completing their plans and starting such a splendid monument to such a noble character as the late Bro. Holmes, a man who was ever a friend of the church, the people and of the village in which he met with that sad accident which terminated so fatally. Bro. Holmes was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy, a word of counsel and advice in every public or private undertaking, in fact in any move towards the betterment of this fair province and the district where he had made his home, he was always foremost in furthering.

Those of you who were at his bedside after the accident are aware

that even as he lay suffering untold agonies his thoughts were not of himself but of his co-workers on that sad afternoon, ever enquiring after their suffering and requesting those in attendance on him to leave and attend the others. Was there ever a more noble example of true British character exemplified for us to copy.

I often think when I look back over his career that if we were all to take a lesson from his life that when the time came for us to be called from this sublunary abode to the grand lodge above, we would be able to stand before the Great Architect of the Universe better and purer men and women.

Brethren, this afternoon a sacred task has been performed ; a corner stone has been laid for a house of worship. You friends have assembled here to witness a time honored ceremony and to show by your presence here your deep interest in the erection of the projected edifice. Let us trust my friends that this structure will be a noble monument to a pious enterprise, a bright ornament to our faith and a just pride to its founders. May the Most High guide, comfort and protect you all throughout this noble work.

The acting Grand Chaplain then pronounced the Benediction and the brethren re-formed and returned to the hall.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* by the acting Grand Master.



James A. Ows.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the
Masonic Hall, at Rapid City, Province of Manitoba, on
the morning of Thursday, July 17th, A.D. 1902, A.L.
5902, at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers	.....	Grand Master
W. " Thos. J. Butchart	.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. " Rev. A. Chisholm	.....	Grand Senior Warden
W. " S. L. Head	.....	as Grand Junior Warden
" J. B. M. Dunoon	.....	as Grand Treasurer
" A. F. LePage	.....	as Grand Secretary
R.W. " Edward Peplow	.....	as Grand Chaplain
" Geo. Rouse	.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
" D. Milne	.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. " Geo. L. Stone	.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
" J. M. Young	.....	as Grand Pursuivant
" H. R. Bromley	.....	as Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE OPENED

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Rapid City Public School.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll and list about to be deposited in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name of and by the Favor of The Great Architect
of Heaven and Earth**

on the

17th Day of July, A.D. 1902, A.E. 5902

**And in the second year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign
EDWARD VII.**

King of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF MINTO
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada**

**THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR WILFRID LAURIER
Premier of the Dominion of Canada**

**SIR D. H. McMILLAN
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba**

**HON. R. P. ROBLIN
Premier of the Province of Manitoba**

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M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary

R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster, Grand Registrar

R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webb, Grand Chaplain

THE CORNER STONE

Of the Rapid City Public School was laid by M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free
and Accepted Masons, at the request of the Public School
Board of School District No. 124, Rapid City,
Manitoba, according to the rules and
usages of our Ancient Craft,
Which may God ever bless and prosper.

Contents of box placed in corner stone of the Rapid City Public School :

Sketch of the Rapid City School Board from 1881 to 1902

Names of School Trustees for 1902

Names of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Town Officials

Names of Grand Lodge Officers, A.F. & A.M., for 1902

Names of Officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, A.F. & A.M., for 1902

Current Canadian coins

Copies of "Grand Lodge Constitution," "Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1901," Winnipeg "Free Press," "Telegram," "Tribune" and "Commercial," and "Rapid City Reporter."

R.W. Bro. Geo. L. Stone, on behalf of Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, A.F. & A.M., presented the M.W. Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel commemorative of the occasion. In accepting the trowel the M.W. Grand Master said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Rapid City School Board, I thank you most heartily for your cordial welcome and handsome presentation. I shall ever treasure this valuable implement of operative masonry as a memorial of this auspicious occasion, and congratulate the people of Rapid City on the marked evidences of prosperity that are apparent on every side. I congratulate the School Board on their energy and enterprise in erecting here a public school building that will be modern in its appointments in every respect and in line with all the other evidences of prosperity in this place. I have convened a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. to assist in laying the corner stone at your request and under the auspices of Corinthian Lodge No. 15 of this town. There needs no occasional event, however interesting may be the circumstances connected with it, to secure to the Masonic Order a valid claim to public consideration. To say nothing of its antiquity, for it is by far the oldest secret organization in existence—nor of the humanitarian ends which it professes to accomplish, its universality alone clothes it with a peculiar interest that does not appertain to associations more circumscribed in their relations. Freemasonry boasts, as did the Emperor Charles of the

extent of his Empire, that there is not a civilized country in the world, whether Christian or not, in which its lodges are not to be found.

Its original descent from an association of builders has given to its symbolism a peculiar character. All the labors of operative or stone masonry, its implements and its technical language, have been seized by the speculative Freemasons and appropriated by them as symbols, each one of which teaches some important moral or religious truth. The cathedrals which their predecessors erected, some of which still remain as proud monuments of their surpassing skill in architecture, have been replaced as symbols, for esoteric reasons, by the Temple of Solomon, which has become, with one exception, the most important and significant of the symbols of the Order.

As all these symbols are applied to religious purposes, and receive a religious interpretation, we must conclude that Freemasonry is a religious institution. It is not a religion. It makes no such claim. It does not profess to offer the renovating efficacy and the spiritual consolation which makes religion so necessary an element in the healthful life of man. But it does inculcate some religious truths, without any attempt to define theological dogmas.

It demands of its initiates a trusting belief of God, and in the immortality of the soul, and its ceremonies and its symbols impress these truths with all the moral consequences that a belief in them implies. It recognizes all religious truth, and tolerates, but does not accept, sectarian dogmas. It repudiates nothing but Atheism. Around the altar consecrated to T. G. A. O. T. U. men of all creeds may kneel in one common worship, each holding in his heart with all tenacity his own peculiar faith, the brotherhood around neither approving nor condemning by word or look. Such is the social character that, in the Lodge, all artificial distinctions of rank, and wealth and power, are for the time suspended, and Masons meet together on the great level of equality. The prince and peasant, the rich and the poor, sit together and join hand in hand in the same symbolic labor. Our present King, when heir apparent to the British Crown has knelt at the feet of one of his subjects and given to him his oath of Masonic allegiance and fealty.

So, too, it is eminently a benevolent institution. There is no institution that has built and endowed more asylums for the aged and infirm, or hospitals for the sick, or homes for the orphans, or done more to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, or relieve the poor, and in granting aid to the distressed Brother or his destitute widow. It hallows and sanctifies the gift by the silence and secrecy with which it is bestowed.

Such is Freemasonry. Venerable in its age, beneficent in its design, and practical in its charity.

Men, women and children here assembled—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practice universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day in accordance with immemorial custom, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that He may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the people of this place.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it "WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY."

An appropriate address was then delivered by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Grand Senior Warden, the procession re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge Room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The proceedings being ended the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* by M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master.



James A. O'Neil
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened at the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, June 10th, A.L. 5903, A.D. 1903.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro.	R. Hill Myers (14), Minnedosa	Grand Master
R.W. "	E. A. Braithwaite (35), Edmonton	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. "	Rev. A. Chisholm (49), MacGregor	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. "	Geo. W. Baker (10), Winnipeg	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. "	R. W. McClung (30), Manitou	District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. "	F. F. Higgs (60), Calgary	District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. "	John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
M.W. "	James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg	Grand Secretary
R.W. "	J. Malcolm Suttie (3), Winnipeg	as Grand Registrar
W. "	Rev. J. F. Cox (64), Alexander	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. "	D. D. Ellis (35), Fleming	Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. "	J. Grant Gordon (28), Calgary	as Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. "	A. H. Smith (35), Moosomin	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. "	L. J. H. Minchin (10), Winnipeg	as Grand Organist
V.W. "	Geo. T. Bragg (53), Edmonton	Grand Steward
V.W. "	P. B. Hazelton (24), Neepawa	as Grand Steward
V.W. "	J. J. Jackson (1), Winnipeg	Grand Pursuivant
	John McBride (3), Winnipeg	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro.	John Leslie (1)	.....	Past Grand Master
M.W.	" Geo. B. Murphy (35)	.....	" "
M.W.	" Wm. G. Bell (3)	.....	" "
M.W.	" Thos. Robinson (10)	.....	" "
M.W.	" Corbet Locke (13)	.....	" "
M.W.	" James A. Ovas (27)	.....	" "
M.W.	" Thomas Tweed (31)	.....	" "
M.W.	" R. S. Thornton (40)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Wm. G. Scott (1)	.....	Past Deputy Grand Master
R.W.	" H. J. Eberts (10)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Roderick McCuaig (7)	.....	Past Grand Senior Warden
R.W.	" R. D. Foley (25)	.....	" "
R.W.	" F. G. Lewin (53)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Wm. Fenwick (64)	.....	" "
R.W.	" W. A. Windatt (3)	.....	" "
R.W.	" R. C. Brown (68)	.....	Past Grand Junior Warden
R.W.	" T. F. English (53)	.....	" "
R.W.	" W. C. Copeland (25)	.....	Past D. D. G. Master
R.W.	" H. C. Taylor (53)	.....	" "
R.W.	" G. S. McGregor (11)	.....	" "
R.W.	" H. H. Campkin (33)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Eustace Cope (29)	.....	" "
R.W.	" J. Thompson Black (4)	.....	" "
R.W.	" T. A. Cuddy (14)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Jas. G. Dagg (2)	.....	" "
R.W.	" J. E. Maynard (40)	.....	" "
R.W.	" R. P. Crookshank (15)	.....	" "
R.W.	" M. Laurie (8)	.....	" "
R.W.	" John Wemyss (24)	.....	" "
R.W.	" D. W. McDermid (1)	.....	" "
R.W.	" John McGuirl (35)	.....	" "
R.W.	" J. J. White (25)	.....	" "
R.W.	" A. S. McGregor (11)	.....	" "
R.W.	" F. S. Proctor (32)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Wm. G. Scott (1)	.....	Past Grand Secretary
R.W.	" J. Malcolm Suttie (3)	.....	Past Grand Registrar
R.W.	" J. Obed Smith (1)	.....	" "
R.W.	" Edgar W. Rugg (3)	.....	" "

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES

Arkansas	R.W. Bro. R. McCuaig.....	Portage la Prairie
British Columbia	V.W. " Jas. A. Carley	Winnipeg
Colorado	W. " John R. Jones.....	Winnipeg
Connecticut	R.W. " Geo. W. Baker	Winnipeg
Costa Rica	W. " T. Harry Webb	Winnipeg
District of Columbia	R.W. " G. S. McGregor	Mekiwini
England	M.W. " Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg
Idaho	W. " John R. Grant.....	Winnipeg
Illinois.....	M.W. " John Leslie	Winnipeg
Ireland	R.W. " Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg
Kansas	R.W. " James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
Louisiana	R.W. " J. J. White	Winnipeg
Maine	M.W. " R. S. Thornton	Deloraine
Michigan	R.W. " John McKechnie.....	Winnipeg
Missouri	R.W. " R. P. Crookshank	Rapid City
Mississippi.....	R.W. " J. E. Maynard	Boissevain
Montana.....	R.W. " H. J. Eberts.....	Winnipeg
Nebraska	R.W. " R. D. Foley	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	R.W. " John McGuirl	Moosomin
New Hampshire	R.W. " Rev. A. Chisholm	MacGregor
New Jersey	R.W. " W. J. Ptolemy.....	Winnipeg
New Zealand	M.W. " Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat
Nova Scotia	R.W. " John Wemyss	Neepawa
Ohio	R.W. " W. C. Copeland	Winnipeg
Prince Edward Island.....	V.W. " J. J. Jackson	Winnipeg
Quebec	R.W. " J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg
Rhode Island	R.W. " James G. Dagg	Winnipeg
Scotland.....	M.W. " Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg
South Australia.....	M.W. " Corbet Locke	Morden
South Carolina	R.W. " Wm. A. Windatt.....	Winnipeg
Tennessee	R.W. " H. H. Campkin.....	Indian Head
Texas	V.W. " H. J. Pugh	Virden
Utah	M.W. " Geo. B. Murphy	Moosomin
Victoria	R.W. " F. G. Lewin	Moosomin
Virginia	R.W. " R. Hill Myers	Winnipeg
Washington	R.W. " Wm. E. Hazley	Winnipeg
West Virginia	R.W. " Wm. Fenwick.....	Alexander
Wisconsin	V.W. " Wm. Braden	Winnipeg

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS

- V.W. Bro. J. J. Jackson (1)
- R.W. " John McKechnie (1)
- R.W. " J. Obed Smith (1)
- R.W. " Geo. Black (1)
- M.W. " John Leslie (1)
- M.W. " Chas. N. Bell (1)
- R.W. " D. W. McDermid (1)
- R.W. " Wm. G. Scott (1)
- W. " John H. Mitchell (1)
- V.W. " T. Harry Webb (1)
- V.W. " E. O. Whealler (2)
- W. " J. J. Erskine (2)
- R.W. " Jas. G. Dagg (2)
- R.W. " Edgar W. Rugg (3)
- M.W. " Wm. G. Bell (3)
- W. " Andrew Schmidt (3)
- R.W. " J. Malcolm Suttie (3)
- V.W. " John B. Persse (3)
- W. " H. Cockman (3)
- W. " John Thomson (3)
- R.W. " W. E. Hazley (3)
- W. " C. H. Enderton (3)
- R.W. " W. A. Windatt (3)
- W. " Jno. T. Colton (3)
- R.W. " W. J. Ptolemy (4)
- W. " Angus Grant (4)
- R.W. " J. Thompson Black (4)
- W. " J. T. Bragg (4)
- V.W. " Wm. Braden (4)
- R.W. " Roderick McCuaig (7)
- W. " Wm. McCuaig (7)
- W. " G. F. Birney (8)
- R.W. " M. Laurie (8)
- W. " J. W. Jameson (9)
- W. " Geo. E. Laidlaw (9)
- W. " John R. Grant (10)
- V.W. " James Scroggie (10)

- W. Bro. John McWhirter (10)
 R.W. " Geo. W. Baker (10)
 W. " J. R. Jones (10)
 M.W. " Thomas Robinson (10)
 W. " Wm. McBride (10)
 R.W. " H. J. Eberts (10)
 R.W. " A. S. McGregor (11)
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 W. " J. Heiman (13)
 M.W. " Corbet Locke (13)
 M.W. " R. Hill Myers (14)
 R.W. " T. A. Cuddy (14)
 W. " J. S. Greig (14)
 R.W. " R. Percy Crookshank (15)
 V.W. " David Low (23)
 R.W. " John Wemyss (24)
 V.W. " P. B. Hazelton (24)
 R.W. " W. C. Copeland (25)
 W. " W. A. Ducker (25)
 R.W. " R. D. Foley (25)
 R.W. " J. J. White (25)
 V.W. " J. Grant Gordon (28)
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 R.W. " A. H. Smith (35)
 M.W. " Geo. B. Murphy (35)
 R.W. " F. G. Lewin (35)
 R.W. " John McGuirl (35)
 R.W. " J. E. Maynard (40)
 W. " J. McG. Rankin (40)
 M.W. " R. S. Thornton (40)
 V.W. " H. J. Pugh (43)
 W. " James F. C. Menlove (43)
 W. " Wm. Cairns (49)
 R.W. " Rev. A. Chisholm (49)
 W. " E. E. Turner (49)
 W. " W. H. Galbraith (52)

R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53)
R.W. " H. C. Taylor (53)
V.W. " Geo. T. Bragg (53)
W. " Wm. Barnwell (56)
W. " Jno. T. Macdonald (60)
R.W. " F. F. Higgs (60)
W. " John W. Fraser (62)
W. " Rev. J. F. Cox (64)
R.W. " Wm. Fenwick (64)
R.W. " R. C. Brown (68)
W. " E. T. Greenway (71)
W. " B. P. Hepp (75)
W. " E. A. Patridge (80)

OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* and with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. J. F. Cox (64).

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-seventh Annual Communication held at the City of Calgary on the 11th and 12th days of June, 1902, and of the four previous Special Communications, were taken as read, and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, then read his annual address as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Again is the Annual Communication of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of this Great Canadian West convened, and the portals of this beautiful temple have opened to receive the representatives of the largest Masonic jurisdiction on the globe, in this our twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

Thanksgivings to Almighty God ascend from every breast on account of His goodness and mercy, and the blessings which He has showered upon the Craft during the year.

Our numbers have largely increased, harmony has prevailed within our borders, the Lodges have enjoyed material prosperity, the moral and spiritual teachings of our ritual have been impressed upon candidates with faithfulness, and the impetus given to Freemasonry by our predecessors has suffered no check in this jurisdiction in the steady advance our fraternity is making as one of the greatest human agencies for good the world has ever seen.

I welcome you most cordially to your labors, and express the hope that as a result of our efforts here the best interests of the Craft may be advanced. May we be guided by some measure of His wisdom, and be crowned with some measure of His approval.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

In the midst of life we are in death. Each annual gathering records the names of those we shall never meet here again. I bespeak for the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, when presented, that reverent attention which is in keeping with the sterling virtues, the noble lives, and the faithful examples of those worthy brethren who have gone before us.

"Tis not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die ;
Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years,
And all that life is love."

R.W. Bro. James Leslie, Past Grand Senior Warden, passed away peacefully at Minnedosa in November last, and was buried with Masonic honors by Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, and many visiting brethren.

DISPENSATIONS.

Some Lodges requested dispensations to wear regalia at public dances and entertainments. These were not granted. The Grand Secretary's report will specify those dispensations that were issued.

DECISIONS AND DISCIPLINE.

No questions of sufficient importance to bring to the attention of the Grand Lodge have been passed upon by the Grand Master during the year, and no appeal has been taken from any of his decisions. Although the correspondence of the Grand Master has been somewhat large, it has related to minor matters, oftentimes readily elucidated by a simple reference to our Book of Constitution. In a few instances I have been invited to consider some seeming unmasonic conduct of a brother, or irregularity in the workings of a Lodge, or some of its officers, but in most cases my responses have resulted in a satisfactory and harmonious adjustment of the difficulties.

PAST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE.

Bro. N. M. W. J. McKenzie, of Touchwood Hills, desires to obtain a P. M. Certificate, and his application has been referred to the Grand Lodge at his request. M.W. Bro. Locke, P.G.M., will present his petition and explain the circumstances, and I invite your consideration thereof.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

A request was made by the Grand Master to each District Deputy Grand Master that a Lodge of Instruction be convened at some suitable time and place in each district. Very well attended and most profitable meetings were, in consequence, held at Macleod, Calgary, Indian Head,

Souris, Portage la Prairie and Crystal City. These lodges were productive of great good, and I firmly believe should become a permanent annual occurrence. Every Mason who has been present at these Lodges of Instruction is enthusiastic in his commendation of the beneficial results accruing therefrom.

PROCLAMATION.

On our National Thanksgiving Day I issued an official proclamation requesting that each Lodge offer up public thanksgiving to the G.A.O.T.U. for the prosperity, harmony and many Divine blessings enjoyed throughout the jurisdiction. The primary object of the proclamation, however, was to take action in connection with a subject that almost every Grand Master in this and other Grand Jurisdictions comments upon in his annual address, namely, that of reclaiming the suspended and non-affiliated members.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, P.G.M., in his address to the Grand Lodge in 1900, put the case as follows :

"I have during the past few weeks been reading over the addresses of our Grand Masters for the last ten years. These addresses have contained very many suggestions which, if carried out, would have resulted in marked benefit to the Craft. But in numberless cases no action seems to have been taken to carry out the suggestions admittedly valuable though they were. The Committee on the Grand Master's address have approved, and nothing further has been done. I am not referring to this by way of finding fault, but simply to point out one way in which improvements may be made. Take, for instance, the very important question of inducing non-affiliated members to connect themselves with some Lodge in the jurisdiction. The advantages resulting from such a movement have been pointed out time and again, and the dangers which will inevitably result from neglect have also been fully set forth. But I am not aware that any systematic effort has been made to find out the non-affiliated Masons and Masons suspended for non-payment of dues, and induce them to resume their Masonic obligations. Much has been done by individuals, but nothing on a large scale has ever been attempted. But this is a matter of such tremendous importance that it cannot safely be neglected. All that is needed is earnest, systematic effort on the part of the various Lodges. The ideal condition of affairs, of course, would be that there should not be a non-affiliated or suspended Mason in the jurisdiction. We may not be able to entirely realize this ideal, but we may at least earnestly strive to that desired end."

Such statements moved me to action. At the Grand Master's request, the Grand Secretary sent out a circular letter in July last to each Lodge, asking to be furnished with a list of the names and post office addresses of all Masons suspended for N.P.D., or non-affiliated, who were eligible for re-admission to the Craft resident within the jurisdiction of each Lodge. Over 300 copies of the proclamation were mailed to the brethren whose names were furnished, and to the Lodge Secretaries. The proclamation is on file with the Grand Secretary, and contains a reference to Sec. 281 of the Constitution, and also contains the following sentence: "As Grand Master of this Great Western Canadian jurisdiction, I most respectfully appeal to every suspended or non-affiliated Mason to become an active member of the Lodge where he resides, so that we may have a large, united and organized membership, each bearing his burden and doing his part to assist in forwarding the grand object for which Masonry exists." Many Lodges wrote for extra copies of this proclamation, necessitating a second edition, and it is believed much good in reclaiming non-affiliates has resulted. My successor may take further action along these lines for this worthy purpose.

NEW LODGES.

New Masonic Lodges have recently been instituted at the following thriving centres of population, namely: Sintaluta, White Horse, Cypress River, Wetaskiwin, Hamiota, Olds, Elgin, Rathwell and Carnduff, further particulars of which will appear in the reports of the Grand Secretary and D.D.G.M's.

Our numerical and material increase this year has beaten all previous records. Our gain has been about 565 and our net increase about 325. We have now a membership of 3,811. I am persuaded our new members are a credit to the Craft, and that their social and moral standing will be an influence for good in the community in which they live. We welcome them to our ranks and urge them to perform their whole duty, and convince the world that merit has been their title to our privileges, and that on them our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

LAYING OF CORNER STONES.

On the 9th July, 1902, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Hargrave to lay the corner stone of the Holmes Memorial Church there. The ceremony was creditably performed by W. Bro. Menlove and members of Lebanon Lodge No. 43, Virden, and other brethren as Grand Lodge officers. On the 17th July, 1902, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at Rapid City to lay the corner stone of the Public School at the request of the School Board. The Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden were personally present,

and assisted by members of Corinthian Lodge, the corner stone was well and truly laid, with the usual Masonic ceremonies. Your Grand Master was presented with a handsome silver trowel by the School Board. Minutes of these Communications are on file with the Grand Secretary, and will be published with the Annual Proceedings.

RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

Our relations with Foreign Jurisdictions continue harmonious. I have been privileged to recommend several distinguished brethren of this jurisdiction as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge of some of our sister Grand Lodges, and commissions have been issued by your Grand Master appointing distinguished Masons in other Grand Jurisdictions to represent this Grand Lodge. Particulars of these appointments will be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND GRAND OFFICERS.

These Grand Lodge officials have lightened the labors of your Grand Master, and have proven themselves at all times willing workers, well qualified to perform with credit and skill the many onerous duties devolving upon them. I extend to each one of them, and to the Past Grand Masters, who have also shared my work, the sincere and cordial expression of my gratitude. Whatever of success has attended upon the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the past year is due in very large measure to those who during my term have shown such rare and touching devotion, not only to the Grand Master himself, but to the highest and best interests of the Craft. Our co-workmanship has made the bond of brotherhood between us forever firmer.

THE SPIRIT OF FREEMASONRY.

Before closing this address, let us meditate upon this subject, that is dear to every heart. May the spirit of Freemasonry find deep lodgment in every breast, and continually inspire us to pure and noble thoughts, words and actions. The spirit of Freemasonry has dwelt among all men in all climes, and in all ages. Its outward manifestations, its structural form, and some of its ceremonies have reflected the changeful growth of the human family, but its spirit is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. Spirit is eternal and changeless. Forms are mutable and variable. Rites and ceremonies are but employed to express ideas. In ancient times wise and upright men sought to find out and worship the one God, the one Spiritual Power; Job was not the only prominent figure of antiquity who was asked: "Canst thou by searching find out God?" Let us not be too much concerned about material things. The precise date when any

particular password was used, whether the signs used by the builders of Solomon's Temple were brought to Jerusalem by the Phoenicians or the Tyrians, whether the rites we practice are identical with those by which Plutarch or Pythagoras was initiated, or whether the symbolism by which we teach the doctrine of the resurrection originated in the Hebrew mysteries or was imported by the Jews from Egypt into Palestine. These may be of importance from their historical significance, but it is with the inner life of man that Masonry is mostly concerned. We, in these days of greatest enlightenment, whose search for the Infinite One is aided by the light of the Holy Bible, in addition to that which emanates from the book of nature, and that which burns within the human breast ; we to whom rites and ceremonies are merely additional object lessons rather than original and primary instruction ; we, who dwell in the full blaze of the light of the twentieth century, should never confound the form with the substance, should never mistake rites and ceremonies for the spirit itself, should not live so closely to the shadow as to escape the reality, nor be so devoted to that which may change as to forget the unchangeable spirit. Each one of us may well conduct every rite and ceremony in the spirit of the hymnal prayer :

"O Thou that changest not, abide with me."

Brethren, shall we seize upon and incorporate into our lives the teachings which Freemasonry imparts, or shall we permit ourselves to disobey her commands ? Shall we think only of the good fellowship which is fostered by the Lodge ? Shall we point to its generous charities as its chief accomplishment ? Shall we not rather, while welcoming these rich fruits of Masonry, especially seize upon that which is its life, its strength and its never-ending power, the deep spiritual import wrapped up in all its ceremonies, which rightly comprehended, lift us higher and higher toward the Creator ?

Brethren, I thank you for the great honor you bestowed upon me at Calgary last June in electing me to the chief seat in the Grand East. Let us proceed with our labors, and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe pour down upon this Communication the continual dew of His blessing, and keep us ever in His loving care.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. MYERS,

Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson (10), the M.W. the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

Morris, June 8th, 1903.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, I have the honor to report upon the progress and condition of Masonry in this District.

From the returns of the various Lodges, the official visits I have been able to pay, and from other sources of information, I am pleased to say that Masonry in the District is in a very satisfactory condition.

The work I have seen exemplified has been performed in a very creditable manner. The financial statements are also creditable.

I was very much pleased at the decorous manner and earnest attention paid during labor by the brethren.

I had the pleasure of congratulating the members of the different City Lodges on the excellent manner in which the Masters performed their duties, and the able support they received from the subordinate officers on the occasion of my official visit.

My many urgent professional duties have, in a large measure, prevented me from performing the duties incumbent on a D. D. G. M. as I would have desired.

With every wish for a successful Communication of the Grand Lodge,

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. McTAVISH, D.D.G.M.,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

Austin, April 27th, 1903.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :

ASSINIBOINE LODGE, No. 7.

Accompanied by the Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, I visited this Lodge on their regular meeting in January. The E. A. Degree was conferred on a candidate in a creditable manner by the W. M., Bro. Wm. McCuaig, ably assisted by his officers. As will be noted in this report, Assiniboine Lodge has made a large increase in membership and everything points to continued prosperity.

GLADSTONE LODGE, No. 11.

I visited this Lodge on February 9th, and was cordially received by a large number of the brethren. The W. M. conferred the F. C. Degree upon two candidates in a very satisfactory manner. I also had the pleasure of seeing a candidate raised to the Sublime Degree by R. W. Bro. G. St. Clair McGregor; this was exceptionally well done. Their present lodge room is very small, but arrangements are completed for their removal to more commodious quarters. The books are well kept and members all enthusiastic Masons.

NEEPAWA LODGE, No. 24.

I visited this Lodge on February 11th, their regular meeting. I overlooked notifying them of my visit, yet on my arrival I found over 30 members present. W. Bro. McIntosh conferred the E. A. Degree on three candidates in a highly creditable manner. Neepawa Lodge is to be congratulated on the large increase of members, their report showing sixteen. I examined their books and found them neatly and efficiently kept by their worthy Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wemyss.

CARBERRY LODGE, No. 29.

I visited this Lodge on the 10th February. Unfortunately a large number of the brethren were in Winnipeg attending the Bonspiel, consequently the attendance was not large. W. Bro. Ireland being absent,

R. W. Bro. Cope conferred the E. A. Degree on two candidates. The work was fairly well done. The Lodge is to be congratulated on having their own hall, and their report shows an increase of thirteen members. The books are well kept, and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Acting on instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, I convened a Lodge of Instruction in Portage la Prairie on 25th February, 1903. Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, exemplified the Third Degree (York Rite). The work was highly appreciated by all present. R.W. Bro. Wemyss then delivered an able and instructive address, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The brethren of Assiniboine Lodge then invited all the members to their spacious banquet hall, where all present did ample justice to the good things provided. M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, being present, conferred the P. M. Degree on two candidates. M.W. Bro. Ovas' work is so well known and appreciated, no comment is necessary. Carberry Lodge, No. 29, exemplified the Second Degree, W. Bro. Ireland and his officers doing splendid work in this degree. Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, then exemplified the First Degree in a highly creditable manner.

My thanks are due M.W. Bro. Ovas and R.W. Bro. Chisholm for their kindness in attending this meeting, many knotty points being unravelled by their clear conception of Masonry; also to all members of the Craft who attended this meeting, and to Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, for their hospitality during the session.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 49.

I officially visited this Lodge on the 15th April. There was no degree work, but being an old member of this Lodge, I can vouch for the efficient manner in which the work is done. The books are neatly kept by the well-tried Secretary, Bro. F. M. Berry.

DAUPHIN LODGE, No. 68.

This is the only Lodge in the district that I have been unable to visit. R. W. Bro. Chisholm has kindly consented to visit them on their regular meeting in May. From reports received, this Lodge is in good shape, having a membership of 32.

GOTHIC LODGE, No. 75.

Being a member of this Lodge, I was present at all regular meetings, and on various occasions had opportunities of seeing the degrees

exemplified by W. Bro. Campbell and his officers. The increase has not been large, but we confidently look forward to better results next year.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the honor conferred upon me, for the kindness and consideration which I have invariably received, and especially to acknowledge the promptness and courtesy of the various secretaries of the Lodges throughout the District.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM T. SPEED, D.D.G.M.,
Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Carman, May 29th, 1903.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

I have the honor to submit the following report on Masonry in the Third Masonic District :

I have visited officially the following Lodges : Holland, No. 63 ; Shiloh, No. 70 ; Treherne, No. 51 ; Oakland, No. 9, and Wawanesa, No. 67. Circumstances which I could not control prevented me from visiting Glenboro, No. 48, and Cypress, U.D.

HOLLAND LODGE, NO. 63.

I visited this Lodge on the regular meeting night in September. As this was a very busy time, the attendance was small. No degrees were conferred on the occasion of my visit, but the W.M., Bro. P. Sinclair, conducted the opening and closing very creditably. The books are well kept. This Lodge appears to maintain the good reputation it has had ever since inception.

SHILOH LODGE, NO. 70.

I visited this Lodge at the regular meeting in September. As many of the members were busy with their threshing, the attendance was not large, but there were more than a quorum present. The Third Degree was conferred in a creditable manner by W. Bro. Boardman. The books are well kept. The Lodge is increasing its membership and is in good condition.

TREHERNE LODGE, No. 51.

I was very favorably impressed on my visit to this Lodge at their regular meeting in November—it certainly is a credit to the District. The work was well done and all the officers were proficient in their several duties. The dues are well paid up. The Lodge has sustained a loss by the withdrawal of some active members living at Rathwell, who have formed a Lodge there.

OAKLAND LODGE, No. 9.

I am a member of this Lodge and have attended it regularly. I installed the officers at a special meeting in January and on this occasion paid my official visit. The W.M. for 1902, W. Bro. Jamieson, is proficient in the work. He accompanied me on my visit to Treherne, Roland and Rathwell and gave me valuable assistance. The W.M. for 1903, W. Bro. Jas. Carroll, is proficient in his work and has conferred the degrees in a creditable manner since the beginning of the year. The dues are well paid up, and the Lodge is in a better condition than it has been for some time past.

WAWANESA LODGE, No. 67.

I visited this Lodge at the regular meeting in January. The First and Third Degrees were conferred by W. Bro. Barclay, who is well skilled in the work. The books are well kept and the Lodge is prosperous.

RATHWELL LODGE, U. D.

On May 5th I instituted this Lodge under instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master. There were present besides the members of the new Lodge, a number of brethren from Treherne, Holland and Carman Lodges. I was assisted by the following Past Masters: W. Bros. Golley, Hicks, J. K. Robson, Coulter and Jamieson. The Lodge starts out with a membership of seven, and there were applications from two for admission. The lodge room is suitable and comfortable. I have no doubt the Lodge will prove a valuable addition to the district.

A number of brethren who live at Elm Creek are contemplating the formation of a new Lodge in the near future.

I cannot close this report without taking this occasion to thank the brethren of the district for the kind and courteous reception they gave me on all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. CUNNINGHAM, D.D.G.M.,
Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Manitou, June 9th, 1903.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, I have much pleasure in submitting the following report of my official acts and observations during the past Masonic year.

I have visited each Lodge in the district during the year on their regular night of meeting.

Our annual Lodge of Instruction, which was convened this year at Crystal City, was an occasion of great benefit in the district. M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, Past Grand Master Dr. Thornton, and Past Grand Master James A. Ovas, were present and made their presence felt by their kindly counsel, valuable suggestions and useful Masonic information. Crystal Lodge exemplified the working of the Third Degree in a creditable manner and entertained the brethren hospitably.

It is a deplorable fact that so few Masons attend the Lodge of Instruction. There are Masons in District No. 4, who would never be known as such if it were not for the fact that their names are on the books. If these comatose brethren would put forth a little effort to meet in the Lodge of Instruction, with the "wireless" active members who see more in Masonry than "Opening and Closing," they would surely be inspired to do better.

I would like to emphasize the fact that every Lodge should have an efficient secretary. It is almost impossible for any Lodge to prosper unless his office is well filled. When the right person is found, he should be paid a sufficiently large salary—ten or fifteen dollars is not enough—twenty-five dollars at least should be the salary allowed the secretary. In nearly every case the Lodge will save money, dues will be paid more promptly, there will be fewer suspensions, and the work in general will be done better.

CRYSTAL LODGE, NO. 71,

Though young, is in a very flourishing condition; the work is well done, and the officers take great interest in the welfare of the Lodge.

KILLARNEY LODGE, NO. 50,

I found in what might be called a comatose condition, but the brethren, I trust, are awakening to renewed vigor.

DORIC LODGE, No. 36.

On the occasion of my visit the First Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by R.W. Bro. James Baine, and all the offices seemed well filled.

DELORAINE LODGE, No. 40,

Is one of the healthiest and best conducted Lodges in District No. 4, a very noticeable feature being the regular attendance of Past Masters.

NAPINKA LODGE, No. 77,

The baby Lodge of the district, though small numerically, is big in enthusiasm, and has in its Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Casselman, a very tower of strength.

ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 54,

Has a big membership and good attendance, but the amount of dues in arrears is appalling. If this state of affairs is not remedied, it may have serious effects upon the welfare of the Lodge. The membership is increasing rapidly.

BELMONT LODGE, No. 13,

I visited on June 4th and found that they had been having a general cleaning up. Many former members had been suspended for non-payment of dues. However, prospects are brighter now for Belmont Lodge, and as it is in good condition financially, it will, under the direction of R.W. Bro. Stewart, have a renewed season of prosperity.

Regarding my own Lodge in Manitou, I may say that our condition was never better. We have a steady, healthy growth, being not so anxious for the amount as we are for the material we build upon.

During my term of office I have received the kindest treatment from the brethren of the district, and thank them for the honor conferred in electing me to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. McCLUNG, D.D.G.M.,
Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Russell, Man., May 30th, 1903.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, I beg leave to report as follows :

On November 25th, 1902, I went to Hamiota and, assisted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, instituted Hamiota Lodge. This was my first official act as District Deputy Grand Master.

I have visited officially all the Lodges in this district, except Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master being a member thereof, I did not feel that I was neglecting my duty in not visiting it.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 15,

I visited on May 13th, and am pleased to report that there was a good attendance. The Third Degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. I had the pleasure of meeting there R.W. Bro. Fenwick (64) and W. Bro. Gilbert Rowan (74), and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. The books of the Lodge are well and neatly kept.

BIRTLE LODGE, No. 39,

I visited May 11th and was pleased to see the cheerful and able manner in which the brethren there take hold of the work. New members are being added, and they own a very comfortable lodge room; the work is well done and the books well kept. They have a bright future before them.

RUSSELL LODGE, No. 62,

This being the Lodge I belong to, I have been at nearly all their meetings. Russell Lodge has been passing through a time of depression. Applications for demits appeared to be epidemic and the membership roll has steadily decreased. The twenty-one left, are good and true, and I see it starting again with renewed vigor, and I hope soon to see this Lodge better than ever before. The work is always well done and the books neat and well kept.

YORKTON LODGE, No. 69,

I visited May 7th and found that on account of their secretary being away from home, they had not received notice of my visit and were therefore not expecting me that night. As the train was late, most of the brethren had left the lodge room; however, we had a pleasant evening and I saw the Lodge closed in a satisfactory manner. The books are well kept.

HAMMOTA LODGE, U. D.

On May 12th I went to visit this Lodge, but owing to my telegram reading "Thursday next" when received, instead of "Tuesday next" as I wrote it, the brethren there were not prepared to hold a meeting. I inspected the books, which are well and neatly kept. This Lodge is going ahead and promises to be one of the largest in this district.

I desire to thank the brethren for the honor conferred upon me in electing me D.D.G.M., and also for the truly fraternal greetings received on every occasion. My most earnest wish is that prosperity and brotherly love may long continue to shed their benign influence over this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. McDONAGH, D.D.G.M.,
Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Souris, June 5th, 1903.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, I beg to submit the following report :

During the year I visited officially only three of the Lodges in this district, being unable, through pressure of my private business, to perform my duties further in that direction. I have, however, had the pleasure of instituting one Lodge, and of arranging and attending the usual annual Lodge of Instruction.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master, after consulting with the brethren of the district, I convened the annual Lodge of Instruction at

Souris on January 30th last. The meeting was held under the auspices of Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, and was largely attended, representatives being present from Brandon Lodge, No. 19; Glenwood Lodge, No. 27; Hartney Lodge, No. 52, and Composite Lodge, No. 64. The programme was prepared with the assistance of W. Bro. Barclay, W.M. of Glenwood Lodge, and included an exemplification of the Second, Third and Past Master's Degrees, an examination of visitors by a Board of Trial, and an address by W. Bro. Barclay on "Demission in Its Relation to Affiliation." The Second Degree was exemplified by Glenwood Lodge in a creditable manner, while the Third Degree was conferred by the officers of Hartney Lodge in a manner which drew the highest praise from the brethren present. The Past Master's Degree was exemplified by M.W. Bro. J. A. Ovas in his usual masterly style, and was highly appreciated by the many Past Masters present. W. Bro. Barclay's address was an interesting effort and provoked a practical and instructive discussion which was generally participated in. The meeting was in every sense a success, and must be productive of much good to the Craft in this district. Much regret was felt by the brethren at the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master and of M.W. Bro. Thornton, and the consequent missing of a rare treat. However, we were in a measure compensated by the welcome presence of M.W. Bro. Ovas, "the daddy of Glenwood Lodge," for where he is, there are also pleasure and profit.

Statistical reports have been furnished me by all the Lodges in the district, and from these it would appear that the year has on the whole been a prosperous one, only two Lodges showing a decrease in membership, namely Oak Lake and Composite (one each), the remaining five showing a gain of 28, making the net gain in the district for the year 26.

The financial condition of the district would seem also to be on the whole satisfactory, the total assets over liabilities being nearly \$5,000.00, although there are outstanding arrears for dues amounting to \$544.25. This may seem a large amount to carry, yet I think an examination would show that very little of it is owing by active members, that by far the greater part is owing by members who have left the district, many of them for a long time, and that these members are kept in good standing and their accounts carried by the Lodges through, what seems to me, a mistaken idea that some odium or stigma necessarily attaches to the word "suspension." Brethren allow their dues to accumulate for various reasons, but I have no doubt there are many instances of absent brethren who are in unfortunate circumstances but who do not care to admit it, who would be pleased rather than otherwise to be placed on the "suspended" list, thus preventing their dues from accumulating at a time when they are

least able to meet them. Many such brethren would prefer being suspended to being placed in the light of receiving charity by the remission of their dues.

Another indication of the prosperous condition of Masonry in this district is the fact that only three Lodges have been called upon to expend any money for relief, namely: Glenwood Lodge, \$50; Oak Lake Lodge, \$25, and Hartney Lodge, \$20; Glenwood's contribution being in aid of "The Souris Cottage Hospital."

Harmony has prevailed throughout the district during the year, as is evidenced by the fact that, notwithstanding the correspondence and personal intercourse I have had with the Lodges, no complaint of any description has reached me either directly or indirectly.

I regret having been unable to personally inspect all the Lodges in the district, but I had the pleasure of officially visiting the following: Brandon Lodge, No. 19; Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, and Hartney Lodge, No. 52. At Brandon two candidates were initiated under the direction of W. Bros. Dickson and McGregor, the work being correctly and impressively done. This Lodge is well officered and is in excellent condition in every respect. At Hartney I saw no degree work, but this Lodge's rendition of the ritual of the Third Degree at the Lodge of Instruction at Souris satisfies me as to its efficiency in this respect. The Lodge is in good condition and its business is well attended to by the officers in charge, while the various books are neatly and correctly kept. As to Glenwood Lodge, being a member thereof, it was my privilege to be present at all its meetings during the year, and at its festival meeting to instal the officers. The degree work of this Lodge will, I believe, compare favorably with that of any in the district. The business and books are in capable hands and the Lodge is making satisfactory progress.

I had completed arrangements to visit Lebanon Lodge, No. 43; Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44; Composite Lodge, No. 64, and Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, at their May meetings, and had sent the necessary notices to that effect, but urgent private business made it necessary in each case, at the last moment, to cancel these engagements. I have learned, however, through correspondence and otherwise, that these Lodges are all making satisfactory progress, with the exception, perhaps, of Oak Lake, which seems to be passing through a period of depression and stagnation such as comes to nearly every Lodge at some time in its history. Despite this, the Lodge appears to be in a good condition financially, and with the infusion of some new blood, would no doubt soon take its place with the best Lodges of the district.

Under direction of the M.W. Grand Master, I visited Elgin on March 27th last, accompanied by W. Bro. Barclay and Bro. Thos. H. Bryans, W.M. and D. of C. respectively of Glenwood Lodge, and with their assistance instituted Elgin Lodge U.D. This Lodge starts with a small membership, but as it is well officered and has an excellent field for operations, will no doubt soon justify its existence.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the brethren of the Lodges visited for the kindness and courtesy shown, and also to thank the brethren of the district generally for the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the responsible position of District Deputy Grand Master; regretting that circumstances have prevented a large performance of my duties.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. TAYLOR, D.D.G.M.,
Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Prince Albert, April 22nd, 1903.

To the M. W. Grand Master

• of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

My business has taken me away from home most of the time during the last year, but I have, nevertheless, been able to attend nearly all the meetings of my own Lodge, Kinistino, No. 16, and advised and assisted in the work. I visited the Lodge officially in March, 1903.

In July last I visited and addressed Duck Lake Lodge, and found it in a fairly prosperous condition. The books are neat and well kept.

In response to the proclamation of the M.W. Grand Master, I wrote to the secretary of Duck Lake Lodge to see if I could arrange for a Lodge of Instruction. This I failed to accomplish.

KINISTINO LODGE, No. 16,

Is in a very good condition. We are getting new members at nearly every meeting, and the very best material. The officers are all well up in their work, and attentive. The secretary, upon whom so much depends, is most efficient in the performance of his duties. The financial condition of the Lodge is most satisfactory. The books are well kept.

Fraternally submitted,

CYRUS CARROL, D.D.G.M.,
Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Moosomin, June 2nd, 1903.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 57.

On February 16th, I made my official visit ; the First Degree was conferred by the W.M. and his officers and was fairly well done.

SINTALUTA LODGE, U.D.

On February 17th, 1903, I visited this Lodge. The First Degree was exemplified and very well done. They have a very nicely furnished lodge room and the brethren are very enthusiastic. I recommend that a charter be granted Sintaluta Lodge.

QU'APPELLE LODGE, No. 34.

On February 18th I visited this Lodge. The officers exemplified the Third Degree. This Lodge is steadily going ahead.

QU'APPELLE VALLEY LODGE, No. 32.

On February 19th I visited this Lodge ; the Second Degree was conferred by the W.M. and officers, and very well done ; the members are very enthusiastic.

INDIAN HEAD LODGE, No. 33.

On February 20th the Grand Master having called a Lodge of Instruction, I attended the meeting ; there was a large number of brethren present to welcome the Grand Master. At the afternoon session the First Degree was exemplified by Past Master Ellis, of Moosomin. At the evening session the Third Degree was conferred by the W.M. and officers of Indian Head Lodge ; both degrees were very well done. The Grand Master gave a very instructive address. After the meeting the brethren adjourned to the hall where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by the brethren of Indian Head Lodge.

WASCANA LODGE, No. 23.

On February 21st I visited this Lodge. No degrees were conferred, but from the satisfactory way the officers performed their duties in opening and closing, I would expect the degrees would be equally well done.

MOOSE JAW LODGE, No. 26.

On February 23rd I visited this Lodge and saw the Second and Third Degrees conferred. The brethren of Moose Jaw Lodge purpose putting up a Masonic Temple this season, and trust they will be successful.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 47,

I visited at their regular meeting in April. No degrees were conferred. The opening and closing ceremonies were fairly well done.

MCOSOMIN LODGE, No. 35,

Being the Lodge of which I am a member, I was present at all the meetings and made a formal visit under its present officers. Its record is well sustained.

AMITY LODGE, U.D.

On May 13th, acting under instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master and with the assistance of a number of the brethren from Melita, I instituted Amity Lodge. After the meeting the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by the brethren of Amity Lodge. I recommend that the dispensation of the Lodge be continued.

NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE LODGE, No. 61,

I set Saturday afternoon, the 21st February, 1903, for my official visit, but being unsuitable, I did not have a meeting and was unable to arrange for another date.

From my official visits, I find Masonry is progressing and the work is uniformly done.

I wish to express to the brethren my appreciation of their kindness and consideration in holding emergent meetings to suit my convenience, and of the cordial reception everywhere extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. MONTGOMERY, D.D.G.M.,
Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District, I beg to submit the following report :

I have visited the different Lodges in the district, with the exception of Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Anthracite. This Lodge I should have visited, but owing to the mines being temporarily closed in the town, it is sometimes hard to get a quorum. Some of the brightest Masons in the district are members of Cascade Lodge, but as a number of the officers and members have had to leave, owing to circumstances stated, the Lodge has to depend on outside members to a large extent for its support. They have some four or five good applications now in, and in future the Canmore and Banff members will look after its affairs. Notwithstanding drawbacks, the prospects for the future of this Lodge are fair.

On June 23rd, I had the pleasure of attending Divine service with the Calgary Lodges. Although the weather was unfavorable, raining hard, over one hundred members joined in the parade.

My first official visit to Bow River Lodge, No. 28, was made on October 13th. There were three candidates for the First Degree, which was conferred in a most impressive manner. This Lodge is financially strong, and the officers and members take a great interest in the work. There is always a good attendance at regular and emergent meetings. The books and records are in good shape.

On the evening of October 21st I paid my official visit to Perfection Lodge, No. 60. There was a large attendance, and the Second Degree was conferred upon two candidates. The chamber lecture in this degree was especially well given by the S.D. Bro. J. Tomlinson. This Lodge is going ahead rapidly and is in good condition financially. The books are well kept, excepting the historical register.

On November 20th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Brown and W. Bro. Markley, I visited Innisfail Lodge, No. 58. The attendance was good, but the work, which was in the Second Degree, was only fairly well done. The secretary's books are in good shape. The historical register had never been opened since the Lodge was organized. I strongly advised attention to this and other matters at once. A number of brethren from Olds were in attendance for the purpose of getting recommendation from this Lodge, it being the nearest in the district. I also had the pleasure of

recommending that a dispensation be granted to open a lodge at Olds. This Lodge is in good condition financially, with a good class of members, but who seem to have become somewhat indifferent to their work.

From Innisfail we went to Red Deer, and on the evening of the 21st visited the Lodge there. This was an emergent meeting and the First Degree was conferred by the officers in a very satisfactory manner. The books of this Lodge I found in the best condition of any Lodge I had visited. The historical register was posted and kept up to date. The financial standing of the Lodge is good. They have secured a hall for their own use, which with a little expense will make a very satisfactory place for meeting.

On December 29th I again visited Bow River Lodge, No. 28, and Perfection Lodge, No. 60, at a joint meeting for installation of officers. I had the pleasure of presiding at this meeting, performing the installation service, and acting as chairman at banquet held afterwards.

On February 11th we had the sad duty to perform of paying the last honors to R.W. Bro. John de Sousa, one of our Past D.D.G.M.'s, a most enthusiastic Mason and one of the brightest in the district, a member of Bow River Lodge. He is missed not only as a member, but as a friend and brother.

On February 25th, acting on authority from the M.W. the Grand Master, I instituted Mountain View Lodge at Olds. The Lodge is starting out under most favorable circumstances, and if they endeavor to keep out personal matters, which seems to be one of the failings in lodges in small towns, this Lodge should be most successful.

I am pleased to report most satisfactory progress in the district during the past year, and to thank the brethren for the honor in electing me District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District. It was with some misgivings I entered upon my duties. What I feared as a difficult task has turned out to have been a pleasant duty, that I will always look back to, on account of the way in which I was received and treated by the lodges and brethren in the district.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of thanking R.W. Bro. Brown and W. Bro. Markley for their support and assistance given me on my trip north.

Faternally submitted,

F. F. HIGGS, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Macleod, June 4th, 1903.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.*

I beg to submit the following report :

I visited all the Lodges in my jurisdiction (which is situated nearly due east and west), in November and December, and was well pleased with the state of Masonry in the district, particularly with the two extreme or outlying Lodges, Spitzie and Maple Leaf. I found in the former (although a great number of the brethren had not been notified of my visit), a very full lodge room, and this generally happens as I found on looking over the register, the W.M., Bro. Nash, coming in thirty miles in storm and shine to preside in the Lodge, and a good number of the brethren coming in from outside points distant all the way up to twenty miles. I can best describe them as "The Happy Family," as their oldest member informed me they never have had a dissension among them.

At Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, I found the meetings well attended, the work well done and a very enthusiastic lot of Masons who did everything possible to render my visit agreeable, as I had to stay two days there. I mention the two extremes of my district particularly, as they are the smallest in point of membership. The other lodges come well into line, as indeed they could not help doing with such men as M.W. Bro. Tweed, R.W. Bros. Findley, Crawford and Smyth, of Medicine Hat ; R.W. Bros. T. McNab, Higginbotham and Fleetwood, Lethbridge, and R.W. Bros. Matthews, W. M. Hallam and Bro. Beecher, of Macleod.

We held a Lodge of Instruction at Macleod on January 7th, which was well attended by the adjoining lodges, Pincher Creek and Lethbridge. Perhaps the time being so near the Christmas holidays, the brethren from the Hat and Maple Creek could not come ; however, a most instructive and enjoyable time was spent. North Star Lodge, No. 41, who have changed their election of officers from June to December, were installed, R.W. Bro. T. McNab being W.M. elect ; P.M. Kemmis, Spitzie Lodge, installing officer. Work in the First Degree was exemplified by Spitzie Lodge, W. Bro. Ambrose in the chair. The Third Degree (York Rite) was given in a very able manner by R.W. Bro. T. McNab, North Star Lodge. A ball was given in the evening, which was well up to the Masonic standard and reflected great credit on the officers and members of Alberta Lodge.

I have noticed a marked improvement in Masonry during the past year. The work is well done by all the officers of the different Lodges, and applications for affiliations and membership are regularly received. In Alberta Lodge there are six candidates in the different degrees, and emergent meetings have been called for degree work ; this is owing, I think, to the increase of population and also to the circular issued by the M.W. the Grand Master, which was read in the lodges in this district on at least four regular nights. One of the lodges, I understand, printed a number of copies and distributed them to the members.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT PATTERSON, D.D.G.M.,
Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Dawson, June 8th, 1903.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

I have the honor to submit the following report :

YUKON LODGE, No. 79,

I visited on the night of September 18th, 1902. Yukon Lodge is well up in the work and has a membership that any lodge should be proud of; they own their hall and have comfortable quarters, well furnished. The books are not in first-class shape, owing to the fact of the secretary being absent from the jurisdiction, and on account of the lodge books being delayed in transit from Grand Lodge.

WHITE HORSE LODGE, U.D.,

I visited on September 25th, 1902, and found the Lodge doing good work ; they have a nicely arranged and furnished hall, and are enthusiastic in all they undertake to do. I heartily recommend that they be granted a Charter, and that R.W. Bro. Fred. McLellan be deputized by

the Grand Lodge to constitute the Lodge, as I have to leave the jurisdiction. The books of White Horse Lodge are well kept, neat and up to date, and the members all take hold of the work with snap and energy.

I hope this Communication of the Grand Lodge will reap benefit and pleasure. Wishing it every success and God speed,

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. TUKEY, D.D.G.M.,
Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Lacombe, Alta., June 4th, 1903.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the Twelfth Masonic District:

I have officially visited all the lodges in the district during the past year.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 66,

I visited on the evening of March 2nd. The First Degree was worked in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is making favorable progress.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 76,

I visited on the evening of March 3rd, when the Second Degree was exemplified to my entire satisfaction. Although one of the smallest in the district, this Lodge is composed of most enthusiastic members, and its officers are well posted in ritualistic work.

On the evening of March 4th I visited a joint meeting of Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, and Jasper Lodge, No. 78, at Edmonton, when the Third Degree was worked. Both these Lodges are to be congratulated upon the efficiency of their secretaries, the books being correctly and neatly kept.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 65,

Was visited in May, when the First and Third Degrees were exemplified. This Lodge is certainly to be congratulated upon the enthusiasm of its members. The membership has increased so rapidly that their present quarters are altogether inadequate, and they are now contemplating the erection of a new Masonic hall.

I am pleased to inform you that I instituted Wetaskiwin Lodge, U.D., and invested the officers with their regalia, and placed them in their respective offices on the evening of the 23rd day of October. This Lodge has a fair membership and a large and comfortable lodge room, with a good equipment of jewels, lights and regalia, and from the enthusiasm displayed by both officers and members, I am led to believe that it will become one of the banner lodges in the district. R.W. Bro. Dr. Braithwaite, D.G.M., opened the meeting and courteously handed me the gavel and asked me to proceed with the institution.

In addition to the formation of this Lodge, the district has had an exceptionally large and desirable increase in membership, and the advancement of Masonry was never so great nor the prospects so bright in this district as they now are.

In closing my report, I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered by R.W. Bro. Dr. Braithwaite, D.G.M., to whom I am greatly indebted.

Fraternally submitted,

MURDOCH J. MACLEOD, D.D.G.M.,
Twelfth Masonic District.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. D. Foley (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. the Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st March, 1903, and the balances to the credit of the several accounts as at that date.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

1902			
April 1—	To balance		\$2,356 08
May 5—	Deposit Grand Secretary	\$191 80	
May 31—	“ “	207 45	
July 7—	“ “	465 25	
July 19—	“ “	50	
Aug. 13—	“ “	544 75	
Aug. 30—	“ “	194 65	
Nov. 6—	“ “	263 86	
Dec. 15—	“ “	148 20	
1903			
Jan. 9—	“ “	478 77	
Feb. 6—	“ “	826 45	
Mar. 30—	“ “	638 63	
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			\$6,316 38

EXPENDITURES

1902			
April 2—	Order No. 973—J. J. Mason	\$ 25 00	
April 2—	“ 974—T. W. Taylor	13 75	
April 2—	“ 975—Copp, Clark & Co.	276 65	
April 2—	“ 976—E. W. Rugg Co.	40 00	
April 2—	“ 977—John Leslie	22 28	
April 2—	“ 978—J. McKechnie, General to Special Account....	1,000 00	
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			<i>Carried Forward....</i> \$1,377 68

1902		<i>Brought Forward</i> . . .	\$1,377 68	
June 7—	Order No.	979—Masonic Temple	50 00	
June 7—	"	980—J. A. Ovas	175 00	
June 7—	"	981—T. W. Taylor	12 50	
July 7—	"	982—Ford Stationery Co.	9 10	
July 7—	"	983—E. W. Rugg Co.	32 30	
July 7—	"	984—A. C. Archibald	5 40	
July 7—	"	985—J. A. Ovas	56 35	
Aug. 4—	"	986—R. H. Finch	10 00	
Aug. 4—	"	987—John McBride	10 00	
Aug. 4—	"	988—R. S. Thornton	120 00	
Aug. 4—	"	989—W. W. Scrimes	19 80	
Aug. 4—	"	990—J. A. Ovas	78 65	
Aug. 4—	"	991—W. C. Copeland	50 00	
Sept. 9—	"	992—Masonic Temple	50 00	
Sept. 9—	"	993—J. McKechnie	200 00	
Sept. 9—	"	994—Thomas Gilroy	11 25	
Sept. 18—	"	995—J. A. Ovas	175 00	
Sept. 18—	"	996—W. H. Sparling	24 00	
Nov. 4—	"	997—J. A. Ovas	74 90	
Nov. 4—	"	998—T. W. Taylor Co.	7 75	
Nov. 4—	"	999—Ford Stationery Co	6 85	
Nov. 4—	"	1,000—J. J. Mason	25 00	
Nov. 4—	"	1,001—E. W. Rugg Co.	35 80	
Nov. 4—	"	1,002—Bulman Bros. Co.	54 25	
Nov. 4—	"	1,003—Masonic Temple	50 00	
Nov. 4—	"	1,004—J. A. Ovas	100 00	
Nov. 4—	"	1,005—Moore Printing Co.	184 00	
Dec. 15—	"	1,006—J. A. Ovas	175 00	
Dec. 15—	"	1,007—Consolidated Stationery Co.	11 44	
1903				
Mar. 2—	"	1,008—J. J. Mason	50 00	
Mar. 2—	"	1,009—E. W. Rugg	47 70	
Mar. 2—	"	1,010—Masonic Temple	50 00	
Mar. 2—	"	1,011—Prince of Wales Lodge	24 00	
Mar. 2—	"	1,012—Stovel Co.	30 00	
Mar. 2—	"	1,013—J. A. Ovas	69 30	
Mar. 14—	"	1,014—J. A. Ovas	175 00	
Mar. 31—	Balance	.....	2,678 36	
				\$6,316 38
		April 1—To Balance	\$2,678 36	

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

1902

April 1—To Balance	\$ 10 65	
April 2— Current Account	1,000 00	
May 31— Interest	2 68	
Nov. 30— Interest	15 23	
Balance on hand.....	————	\$1,028 56

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT

1902

April 1—To Balance	\$93 13	
May 31— Interest	1 39	
Nov. 30— Interest	1 41	
Balance on hand.....	————	\$95 93

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND

1902

April 1—To Balance	\$1,328 86	
May 31— Interest	19 90	
July 7— J. A. Ovas, deposit	19 20	
Sept. 18— Grand Lodge Grant.....	200 00	
Nov. 30— Interest	21 44	
Mar. 30— J. A. Ovas, deposit	115 00	
Balance on hand.....	————	\$1,704 40

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. W. McClung (30), seconded by W. Bro. R. Magness (10), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditure made, with returns of subordinate lodges as at 27th Dec., 1902, together with, by instructions of the M.W. the Grand Master, a record of the Special Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master, and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

700 copies of the proceedings of the last Annual and four Special Communications were printed, and the usual number distributed as in former years.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause 12, Sec. 58, certificates were issued to all the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, Special Communications of Grand Lodge were called as follows, viz.: On the 9th July. at Hargrave, Manitoba, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Holmes' Memorial Church, W. Bro. J. W. C. Menlove, W. Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 43, officiating. On the 17th July at Rapid City, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Rapid City Public School, M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, officiating.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

The following lodges not having worked under Dispensation for the period of four months, as required by the Constitution, the M.W. the Grand Master authorized the continuance of the several Dispensations until June 1st, 1903.

Sintaluta Lodge, at Sintaluta, in the Eighth Masonic District.

White Horse Lodge, at White Horse in the Eleventh Masonic District.

Cypress Lodge, at Cypress River in the Third Masonic District.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, Dispensations for the formation of the following new lodges have been issued :

Wetaskiwin Lodge at Wetaskiwin, in the Twelfth Masonic District. Dispensation issued October 4th, 1902. Eight charter members, W. Bro. A. R. Dickson, Worshipful Master; Bro. George McManus, Senior Warden; Bro. Charles Gordon Austin, Junior Warden. Instituted October 23rd, 1902, by R.W. Bro. M. J. McLeod, District Deputy Grand Master.

Hamiota Lodge, at Hamiota, in the Fifth Masonic District. Dispensation issued October 31st, 1902. Nine charter members, Bro. William Ferguson, Worshipful Master; Bro. A. C. Little, Senior Warden; Bro. Malcolm Thompson, Junior Warden. Instituted November 25th, 1902, by R.W. Bro. Alexander McDonagh, District Deputy Grand Master.

Mountain View Lodge, at Olds, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued December 3rd, 1902. Seven charter members. Bro. A. McL. Kay, Worshipful Master; Bro. Wm. H. Harmon, Senior Warden; Bro. Wm. L. Fischer, Junior Warden. Instituted Feb. 24th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. F. F. Higgs, District Deputy Grand Master.

Elgin Lodge, at Elgin, in the Sixth Masonic District. Eight charter members. Dispensation issued January 5th, 1903. Bro. W. W. Stirling, Worshipful Master; Bro. James A. Gray, Senior Warden; Bro. J. N. Johnston, Junior Warden. Instituted March 27th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. John A. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Rathwell Lodge, at Rathwell, in the Third Masonic District. Dispensation issued April 14th, 1903. Seven charter members. W. Bro. Adam Forbes, Worshipful Master; Bro. Charles Wilson, Senior Warden; Bro. Andrew Turnbull, Junior Warden. Instituted May 5th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. H. C. Cunningham, District Deputy Grand Master.

Amity Lodge, at Carnduff, in the Eighth Masonic District. Ten charter members. Dispensation issued April 21st, 1903. Bro. J. J. Gallo-way, Worshipful Master; Bro. Charles Henry Griffin, Senior Warden; Bro. James H. Elliott, Junior Warden. Instituted May 13th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. James Montgomery, District Deputy Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near this Grand Lodge.

During the past year commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows :

Dec. 11th, 1902—W. Bro. J. S. Armitage, of Minnedosa, from the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Dec. 11th, 1902—V. W. Bro. E. A. Struthers, of Russell, from the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Dec. 15th, 1902.—R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, of MacGregor, from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Jan. 1st, 1903.—R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. (Renewal.)

April 28th, 1903.—R. W. Bro. Alexander Burns, of Brandon, from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

May 6th, 1903.—R. W. Bro. R. F. McTavish, of Morris, from the Grand Lodge of Vermont. (Renewal.)

Near other Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, commissions have been issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, as follows :

August 18th, 1902—Bro. R. Alling, of New Haven, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in the place of Bro. Geo. W. Bentley, deceased.

Sept. 19th, 1902—Bro. Gustavo Pridalla, near the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

Nov. 29th, 1902—Bro. Samuel Condon, of Tilton, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, in the place of Bro. John Kidder, deceased.

April 3rd, 1903—Bro. William Lindsay, of Edinburgh, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the place of Bro. James Melville, deceased.

April 17th, 1903—Bro. Geo. W. Snyder, of New Albany, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

May 7th, 1903—Bro. Elias W. Beghtol Holdrege, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in the place of Bro. Job J. King, removed from the jurisdiction.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. the Grand Master, has examined and approved the by-laws of the following lodges, viz.:

Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Lebanon Lodge No. 43 and Yukon Lodge No. 79.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. the Grand Master, has examined and approved amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges, viz. :

North Star No. 41, Oriental Lodge No. 54, Carberry Lodge No. 29.

CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED.

In accordance with Sec. 235 of the Constitution, certificates of good standing have been issued to members of extinct lodges as follows :

Battle Lodge No. 38, Bro. H. H. Nash ; Wolseley Lodge U.D., Bro. Francis B. Reilly.

**CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD
OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

• During the past year certificates have been issued by direction of the Board of General Purposes, as required by the Act of Incorporation, to the following lodges :

Red Deer Lodge No. 73, to Incorporate ; Perfection Lodge No. 60, to Incorporate ; Acacia Lodge No. 66, to Incorporate; Edmonton Lodge No. 53, to dispose of certain property.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I have to report the following lodges as having failed to comply with the laws in regard to transmitting the half-yearly returns to this office, viz.:

Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, for June and December, 1902.

Oakland Lodge No. 9, Spitzie Lodge No. 45, Oriental Lodge No. 54, Russell Lodge No. 62 and Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, for December, 1902.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master :

TO ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE.

Date	1902 Name of Lodge No.	Date	1902 Name of Lodge No.
June 4—	Crystal 71	July 22—	Hartney 52
" 14—	Maple Leaf 56	" 24—	Indian Head . . . 33
" 14—	Neepawa 24	Aug. 7—	Treherne 51
" 17—	Acacia 66	Nov. 13—	Manitou 30
" 21—	Wawanesa 67	" 19—	Oriental 54
" 21—	Temple 49	" 24—	Elkhorn 74
" 21—	Carberry 29	* Dec. 2—	Prince of Wales... 14
July 2—	Sintaluta U.D.	" 22—	North Star 41
" 12—	Evening Star 57	" 24—	Gladstone 11
1903			
Mch. 16—	White Horse .. U.D.		

TO ELECT AND INSTAL

Date	1902 Name of Lodge No.	Date	1902 Name of Lodge No.
July 4—	Spitzie 45	Dec. 20 -	North Star 41
" 7—	North Star 41	" 26—	Oakland 9
" 14—	Killarney 50	" 31—	Wawanesa 67
Sept. 2—	Emerson 6	1903	
Dec. 15 -	Temple 49	Jan. 2—	Elkhorn 74
" 15—	Glenwood 27	" 5—	Birtle 39
" 20—	Bow River 28	" 6—	Crystal 71
" 20—	Perfection 60	" 10—	East Star 55

TO CONFER DEGREES WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIME.

1902		
Sept 12—North Star	41	Mch. 23—Ancient Landmark
Oct. 20—Bow River	28	3

TO RE-BALLOT ON REJECTED CANDIDATES.

1902	
Dec. 24—	Acacia 66

TO ACT ON PETITION FOR INITIATION, APPLICANT NOT HAVING RESIDED
THE REQUIRED TIME WITHIN THE JURISDICTION

1903—Jan. 6—Moosomin35

STATISTICAL.

The returns of the various lodges show a satisfactory increase during the past year. The following have been compiled from the reports received :

No. of Members December 27, 1902.	3,486	
Initiated	347	
Passed	326	
Raised	295	
Joined	188	
Restored	30	565
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		4,051
Demitted	149	
Suspended U.M.C.	1	
Suspended N.P.D.	68	
Died	22	240
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No. of Members Dec. 27th., 1902	3,811	
Increase	325	

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie (3), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE

Monies received between April 1st, 1902, and March 31st, 1903.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.	No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.
1.	Prince Rupert.....	\$ 160 25	<i>Brought Forward \$1,909 70</i>		
2.	Lisgar	57 75	34.	Qu'Appelle	38 60
3.	Ancient Landmark....	47 70	35.	Moosomin	77 65
4.	St. John's	120 60	36.	Doric	56 00
6.	Emerson	42 80	37.	Alberta	69 35
7.	Assiniboine	33 25	39.	Birtle.....	13 70
8.	King Solomon.....	60 90	40.	Deloraine.....	45 00
9.	Oakland	67 50	41.	North Star	71 90
10.	Northern Light	112 90	42.	Cascade	87 00
11.	Gladstone	22 25	43.	Lebanon	74 25
12.	Stonewall.....	23 75	44.	Oak Lake.....	1 50
13.	Belmont	49 00	45.	Spitzie	15 80
14.	Prince of Wales	86 00	47.	Ashlar	33 25
15.	Corinthian	30 80	48.	Glenboro	46 00
16.	Kinistino	71 35	49.	Temple.....	80 65
19.	Brandon	109 00	50.	Killarney	12 50
23.	Wascana	34 60	51.	Treherne	45 50
24.	Neepawa	79 40	52.	Hartney	40 65
25.	Ionic	121 45	53.	Edmonton	35 35
26.	Moose Jaw	44 20	54.	Oriental	29 25
27.	Glenwood	78 00	55.	East Star	16 00
28.	Bow River	166 00	56.	Maple Leaf	30 75
29.	Carberry	75 15	57.	Evening Star	59 05
30.	Manitou	69 40	58.	Innisfail.....	19 10
31.	Medicine Hat	44 50	60.	Perfection.....	74 70
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley....	18 85	61.	N. W. M. Police.....	41 30
33.	Indian Head	82 35	62.	Russell	21 85

Carried Forward \$1,909 70

Carried Forward \$3,046 35

1903]

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

463

No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.	No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.
<i>Brought Forward</i>		\$3,046 35	<i>Brought Forward</i>		\$3,398 05
63.	Holland.....	34 20	76.	Victoria.....	40 00
64.	Composite	17 15	77.	Napinka	69 55
65.	Eureka	14 25	78.	Jasper	38 25
66.	Acacia	1 00	79.	Yukon	92 50
67.	Wawanesa	66 95	U.D.	Sintaluta	29 00
68.	Vermillion	50	U.D.	White Horse	76 80
69.	Yorkton	23 25	U.D.	Cypress	69 60
70.	Shiloh	16 45	U.D.	Wetaskiwin	35 10
71.	Crystal	23 75	U.D.	Hamiota	36 10
72.	Duck Lake	12 75	U.D.	Mountain View	29 80
73.	Red Deer.....	44 25	U.S.	Elgin	32 30
74.	Elkhorn.....	46 50	Extinct Lodges		12 75
75.	Gothic	50 70			
<i>Carried Forward</i>		\$3,398 05			\$3,959 80

CASH STATEMENT

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:—

DR.

1903
Mar. 30—To receipts \$3,959 80

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1902
May 5—By John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.... \$191 80
May 31— " " " " 207 45
July 7— " " " " 465 25
Aug. 13— " " " " 544 75
Sept. 20— " " " " 194 65
Nov. 6— " " " " 263 85
Dec. 15— " " " " 148 20
1903
Jan. 9— " " " " 478 77
Feb. 6— " " " " 826 45
Mar. 30— " " " " 638 63
\$3,959 80

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

From April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.

No. of Order	In Whose Favor Drawn	Amount
973—	J. J. Mason, books and forms	\$ 25 00
974—	The T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., stationery	13 75
975—	The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., certificates.....	276 65
976—	E. W. Rugg Co., printing and books and forms	40 00
977—	John Leslie, furniture.....	22 28
978—	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, special account	1,000 00
979—	Masonic Temple Association, rent to June 30th, 1902	50 00
980—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, salary to June 14th, 1902.....	175 00
981—	The T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., stationery	12 20
982—	The Ford Stationery Co., stationery	9 10
983—	E. W. Rugg Co., books and forms and stationery	32 30
984—	A. C. Archibald, insurance	5 40
985—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, cash dis- bursements	56 35
986—	R. H. Finch, assisting Grand Tyler	10 00
987—	John McBride, Grand Tyler.....	10 00
988—	R. S. Thornton, expenses	120 00
989—	W. W. Scrimes, insurance.....	19 80
990—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, expenses to Calgary	78 65
991—	W. C. Copeland, expenses to Calgary	50 00
992—	Masonic Temple Association, rent to Sept. 30th, 1902	50 00
993—	John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	200 00

Carried Forward \$2,256 78

<i>Brought Forward</i>		\$2,256 78
994—Thomas Gilroy, premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	11 25	
995—James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, salary to Sept. 14th, 1902.....	175 00	
996—Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, grant to Bro. Jas. Leslie	24 00	
997—James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, cash disbursements.....	74 90	
998—The T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., stationery	7 75	
999—The Ford Stationery Co., stationery	6 85	
1,000—J. J. Mason, books and forms	25 00	
1,001—E. W. Rugg Co., printing and books and forms	35 80	
1,002—Bulman Bros. & Co., stationery	54 25	
1,003—Masonic Temple Association, rent to Dec. 30th, 1902	50 00	
1,004—James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, grant to Library	100 00	
1,005—The Moore Printing Co., Ltd., printing Proceedings	184 00	
1,006—James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, salary to Dec. 14th, 1902	175 00	
1,007—The Consolidated Stationery Co., stationery.	11 44	
1,008—J. J. Mason, books and forms	50 00	
1,009—E. W. Rugg Co., books and forms and stationery	47 70	
1,010—Masonic Temple Association, rent to March 31st, 1903	50 00	
1,011—Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, grant to Bro. Jas. Leslie	24 00	
1,012—The Stovel Co., books and forms and stationery.....	30 00	
1,013—James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, cash disbursements	69 30	
1,014—James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, salary to March 14th, 1903	175 00	
		<hr/> \$3,638 02

YEARLY STATEMENT

MARCH 31ST, 1903

GAINS

Dispensations.....	\$ 204 00
Books and Forms	174 87
Initiations	676 00
Dues	1,600 75
M. M. Certificates.....	496 70
L. M. Certificates	10 00
L. M. Fees	25 00
Interest	62 05
Extinct Lodges	12 75
	<hr/> \$3,251 92

LOSSES

Fixtures	\$ 34 10
L. M. Certificates	90
Expense	149 05
Printing	199 00
Stationery	133 64
Postage	145 70
Rent	200 00
Telegraphing	11 65
Salaries	700 00
Library Fixtures	15 97
Regalia	7 87
Insurance	38 00
Special Grants	188 00
Net Gain	1,428 04
	<hr/> \$3,251 92

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS

FROM APRIL 1ST, 1902, TO MARCH 31ST, 1903

Initiations	\$ 678 00
Dues	1,800 75
M. M. Certificates	605 00
P. M. Certificates	35 00
L. M. Certificates	2 00
L. M. Fees	25 00
Dispensations	204 00
Books and Forms	799 30
Extinct Lodges	12 75
	<hr/> \$3,959 80

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

MARCH 31ST, 1903

Books and Forms	\$ 408 38
L. M. Certificates	43 50
P. M. Certificates	62 50
Fixtures	648 91
Regalia	149 81
Library	1,733 68
Library Fixtures	304 15
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, current account ..	2,677 86
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, special account ..	1,028 56
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, benevolent acct. ..	95 93
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	1,704 40
Ledger Accounts	261 60
	<hr/> \$9,119 28

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I have the honor to submit my report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library :—

BOUND PROCEEDINGS DONATED

Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. N. R. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New York for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Oregon for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Texas for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1902, the gift of R.W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1903, the gift of R.W. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1903, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

Consecration Ceremony of the Tauranga Lodge, No. 125, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the gift of R.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, the gift of R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

Tableau of Regular Lodges recognized by the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Special Programme of the Forty-eighth Annual Reunion of the A. & A.S. Rite, Valley of Chicago, the gift of M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell.

Twenty-two volumes sessional papers, the gift of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Past Grand Master.

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1903, the gift of R.W. Bro. Henry T. Flavelle, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

History of Freemasonry, by M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the gift of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Memorial Volume of the Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, the gift of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Congressional Record, the gift of the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator of Minnesota.

PUBLICATIONS DONATED

Manitoba Daily Free Press	The Masonic Chronicle
Winnipeg Tribune	The Toronto Freemason
Morning Telegram	The Masonic Sun
Town Topics	The Texas Freemason
Souris Plaindealer	The Australasian Keystone
MacGregor Herald	The Canadian Craftsman
Boston Ideas	The Orient and Sheaf
Advance	The Square and Compass
The Silent Echo	The Masonic Token
The American Tyler	The Pacific Mason
Masonic Tidings	The Masonic Voice Review
The Palestine Bulletin	The Tennessee Mason
The Keystone	The Masonic Observer
The Masonic Advocate	The Trestle Board

BOOKS PURCHASED

Universal Classics Library, 20 volumes.

THANKS

The thanks of this Grand Lodge are again due to all those who have so kindly remembered us during the past year.

READING ROOM

The annual grant of \$75 voted by the City Lodges has been expended during the year, under the supervision of the Committee, in providing reading matter for the room.

I am pleased to report that the interest in the reading room continues, and that the room is much appreciated and enjoyed by brethren from sister jurisdictions who are coming in large numbers to make their homes in the Golden West.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,

Grand Librarian.

On motion of W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4), the report of the Grand Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered the proposed Amendments to the Constitution, and begs to report that it found nothing at variance with Masonic law and usage, except as to the amendment proposed by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke. The change proposed should only be made after very careful consideration, and when there are special circumstances warranting the amendment.

No complaints or appeals have been referred to your Committee during the past year, which your Committee takes as a happy augury that peace and harmony universally prevails throughout the large jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report on the cases laid before them as follows :—

First.—In the matter of the complaint of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia against Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, Winnipeg, for invasion of jurisdiction, your Committee find that Leonard George Henderson, a former resident of Winnipeg, has resided for the past ten years in British Columbia, and has during that time been in the service of a company whose head office is in the City of Winnipeg. It has been stated that during that time he has had no settled place of abode and always regarded Winnipeg as being his home. During the year 1896 he presented a petition for initiation to a lodge in Victoria and was rejected. This, in the opinion of your Committee, is *prima facie* evidence that he at that time regarded Victoria as being his home, and nothing has since transpired to indicate a change in his place of residence.

It is, therefore, quite clear that there has been an invasion of jurisdiction, and your Committee would recommend as follows :—

1. That Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, be directed to pass a resolution of the Lodge, the form of which is to be approved by the M.W. Grand Master, apologizing for its action in the circumstances and expressing its regret therefor.

2. That the said Lodge be directed to remit to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge within three months a sum equal to the initiation fee received by it; the amount of said fee to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for payment to the Lodge referred to,

3. That a copy of this report and of the apology of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, be forwarded without delay to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Second.—In the matter of the complaint of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia against Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, for invasion of jurisdiction by conferring the degree of Entered Apprentice on Bro. Frederick Murray O'Meara.

Bro. O'Meara was a former resident of Winnipeg and regarded that city as being his home. He left for the Pacific coast some years ago and was engaged as purser on a steamer plying on the Pacific Ocean, sometimes in United States waters and at other times in those of the Province of British Columbia, and was not subject to the jurisdiction of any lodge there. In fact, at that time it was his intention to take up his permanent residence in Winnipeg and he only failed to carry out that intention through not being able to obtain a suitable position here. Your Committee is, therefore, of the opinion that there was no invasion of jurisdiction on

the part of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, and would recommend that a copy of this report and the explanation of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, be forwarded as soon as possible to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Faternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry respectfully submit the following report :—

We have examined the reports of the various D.D.G.M's and congratulate Grand Lodge that reports have been received from all the districts, and that such a worthy and capable band of D.D.G.M's had been appointed to look after and build up Masonry throughout our vast jurisdiction.

Your Committee are exceedingly pleased to be able to report such a great advance in membership in the jurisdiction, and the satisfactory condition of Masonry reported from every section of the country. It is gratifying to learn that the amount of relief called for has been comparatively small.

We would judge the attendance of members to be on the increase, there being only one complaint. The D.D.G.M of District No. 4 refers to

the small attendance at Lodges of Instruction. The brethren, if they realized the advantage to be derived from these meetings, would certainly be more enthusiastic and attend in greater numbers.

The question of payment of Secretaries as suggested by the D.D.G.M. for District No. 4, we fully concur in, and would seriously recommend it to the various lodges for consideration.

Your Committee would recommend that the rank of R. W. Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following brethren :

R.W. Bro. R. F. McTavish,	District No. 1.
R.W. " Wm. T. Speed.	" " 2.
R.W. " H. C. Cunningham	" " 3.
R.W. " R. W. McClung	" " 4.
R.W. " Alex. McDonagh	" " 5.
R.W. " John A. Taylor.	" " 6.
R.W. " Cyrus Carrol	" " 7.
R.W. " Jas. Montgomery.	" " 8.
R.W. " F. F. Higgs	" " 9.
R.W. " Robt. Patterson.	" " 10.
R.W. " W. V. Tukey	" " 11.
R.W. " M. J. McLeod	" " 12.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. B. MURPHY,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year ending March 31st, 1903, it authorized payment of these several accounts

presented by the Grand Secretary, as in the summary presented by him, and which have been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee note with pleasure the gratifying increase in the finances during the past year, the net gain being the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are pleased to further report, that they have been enabled to transfer the sum of two thousand dollars from the current to the special account, making a total of three thousand dollars now to the credit of this account, drawing interest.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for the year April 1st, 1903, to March 31st, 1904, inclusive :

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$700 00
Office Rent	200 00
Printing "Proceedings" 1903.	250 00
Books and Stationery	100 00
Postage and Express Charges	150 00
Grant to Grand Master for Expenses	120 00
Grant to Grand Tyler	10 00
Grant to Assistant Grand Tyler	10 00
Insurance	25 00
Grant to Library	50 00
Contingent Expenses	150 00
Printing "Constitutions"	650 00

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. GRANT,
Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. White (25), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that they have received a number of applications for relief during the past year, which

they have been able to deal with without drawing on the fund at the credit of the Benevolent account.

Your Committee note with pleasure the following donations to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, in response to the circular issued by direction of the M W. the Grand Master, under date of January 2nd, 1903.

Carberry Lodge No. 29..	\$19 20
• Manitou Lodge No. 30	20 00
Ionic Lodge No. 25	10 00
Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 32	10 00
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67.....	10 00
Temple Lodge No. 49	5 00
St. John's Lodge No. 4.....	15 00
Hartney Lodge No. 52	20 00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	5 00
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.....	25 00

making a total to the credit of this account on March 31st, 1903, of seventeen hundred and four dollars and forty cents, (\$1,704.40).

Your Committee has further to report that the sum of forty eight dollars (\$48.00) has been paid to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, out of the grant made at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in aid of our late Bro. James Leslie.

Your Committee would recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LESLIE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to report that they have examined the books and returns of the several Lodges under Dispensation, and respectfully recommend as follows :—

That Charters be granted the following Lodges :—

Sintaluta Lodge, No. 80, in the Eighth Masonic District.

White Horse Lodge, No. 81, in the Eleventh Masonic District.

Cypress Lodge, No. 82, in the Third Masonic District.

Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 83, in the Twelfth Masonic District.

Hamiota Lodge, No. 84, in the Fifth Masonic District.

That the following Lodges not having worked four months, in accordance with Sec. 282 of the Constitution, the Dispensations be continued for one year :—

Mountain View Lodge, at Olds.

Elgin Lodge, at Elgin.

Rathwell Lodge, at Rathwell.

Amity Lodge, at Carnduff.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. CAMPKIN,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by V.W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg (53), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

*To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows :—

That they have held three meetings during the year, viz.:—Dec. 4th, 1902, authorizing the issue of a Certificate to Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, for the purpose of incorporation; Feb. 5th, 1903, authorizing the issue of a Certificate to Perfection Lodge, No. 60, for the purpose of incorporation; April 16th, 1903, authorizing the issue of a Certificate to Acacia Lodge, No. 66, for the purpose of incorporation, and to Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, for the purpose of disposing of certain property.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,
President.

On motion of R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), the report of the Committee on the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Auditors beg leave to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited to their several accounts in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by the Committee on Finance.

The statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, as presented, are a correct exhibit of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1903.

Fraternally submitted,

T. HARRY WEBB,

J. H. MITCHELL,

Auditors.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 10.40 o'clock p.m. until Thursday, June 11th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Second Day - - Morning Session.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 11th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Higgs (60), seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64), and

Resolved—That the D.D.G.M. for the Ninth Masonic District be allowed to present his case in regard to Dispensation, as mentioned in Grand Lodge, to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows :—

Your Committee approve of the refusal of the Grand Master to issue dispensations for the wearing of regalia at public dances and entertainments.

It is most satisfactory to learn that no questions of sufficient importance in connection with seeming un-Masonic conduct of any brother or in the workings of any lodge in this extensive jurisdiction called for the direct action of the Grand Master.

Your Committee heartily endorse the action of the Grand Master in arranging for the calling of District Lodges of Instruction, and it is most gratifying to learn that success followed his action.

Your Committee are convinced that the course pursued by the Grand Master in issuing a proclamation in connection with the offering of public thanksgiving on our National Thanksgiving Day was most timely and advisable, and especially commend that portion of the proclamation which deals with the gathering into the social circle of the non-affiliated brethren of this jurisdiction.

It is gratifying to be able to recognize that Masons are gathering together in the new settlements and at the first opportunity erect a Masonic altar. Nine new lodges instituted in one year is speaking testimony of the desire of the brethren to join in keeping alive the altar fire.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that our relations with foreign jurisdictions continue on the same friendly footing as previously existed, and endorse the appointment of representatives made by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's references to the "Spirit of Freemasonry" are beautiful and touching and deserve to be placed in the hands of every brother in this jurisdiction.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Master on the splendid evidences of Masonic growth under his rule, and from his most excellent address and the various reports submitted to Grand Lodge, are assured that he has discharged his duties with the utmost devotion and marked ability.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CORBET LOCKE,
Convener.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee, to whom the annual official report of the Grand Secretary has been referred, beg to submit the following :

We find that the Grand Secretary has fully complied with the requirements of the Constitution and has given a complete record of all official acts during the period which has elapsed since the last Annual Communication. The major portion of the report deals with matters of routine which require no comment; as in doing so we would but re-echo the facts and statements made by the Grand Secretary.

It has been the painful duty for several years past for this Committee to emphasize the implied censure upon those lodges which have not complied with the requirements of the Constitution in transmitting their half-yearly returns to the Grand Secretary. Were it not for the neglect of the secretaries of Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44; Glenboro Lodge, No. 48; Eureka Lodge, No. 65; Oakland Lodge, No. 9; Spitzie Lodge, No. 45; Oriental Lodge, No. 54; Russell Lodge, No. 62, and Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, this Committee would have enjoyed the enviable distinction of presenting a report without fault-finding, the first time in several years.

Your Committee view with pleasure that part of the report referring to membership and the formation of new lodges, and desire to accentuate the words of congratulation expressed in the report upon the Grand Master's address upon the progress and prosperity in general of Masonry in the jurisdiction. The great increase in membership and the addition of new lodges are certainly an evidence of that progressive spirit and activity which should prove an encouragement to Masons in renewed effort for the upbuilding of our noble Craft and jealously guarding the reputation which we hold in the eyes of the outside world.

Faternally submitted,

D. W. McDERMID,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. White (25), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee, having the consideration of the Report of the Grand Librarian, beg to report as follows :—

The donations of the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges and other matter of Masonic interest by the brethren, as noted in the report, are valuable additions to the Library. The proceedings contain in their reports on Correspondence, an epitome of current Masonic thought and opinion, of particular interest to the Masonic student ; and your Committee concur in the expression of thanks by this Grand Lodge to those who have made donations to the Library during the past year.

The additions made to the Library by purchase consisted of the Universal Classics Library (20 volumes), a high-class and interesting work.

Your Committee note a number of books are outstanding, and the increasing value of our books makes it imperatively necessary that those who avail themselves of the privileges of the Library should return all books to the Grand Librarian before each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Librarian contemplates a general re-arranging of the books in the Library, and we trust that he may receive the co-operation of every member in the jurisdiction both by way of returning of books now in their hands or by the donation of Masonic or other works that would prove of value as books of reference.

The regular attendance of the Grand Librarian in his office and his unfailing courtesy has done much to increase the interest in the Library and the Craft in general appreciate more fully its advantages.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDGAR W. RUGG,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee, to whom have been referred all matters pertaining to Necrology, would respectfully submit the following report :—

Every year, in Annual Communication, we are called upon to mourn the death of many faithful Masons. The year just past brings no exception.

Our own Grand Jurisdiction mourns the death of twenty-two for the year ending December 27th, 1902.

From many other Grand Jurisdictions we have the melancholy news of the death of a large number of well beloved brethren, many of whom have reached such an eminence in the fraternity that they are known wherever Masonry exists, and all of whom have, by their faithfulness, and love of Masonry, and desire of being serviceable to their fellow-creatures, gained a place in the affections of their brethren, which neither time nor eternity change.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported by sister Grand Lodges :—

M.W. Bro. A. M. Callahan, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas; died July 13th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. James M. Hilliard, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Florida; died July 26th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Albert Lackey, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nevada; died August 15th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Reuben I. Laughlin, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arkansas; died August 13th, 1902.

R.W. Bro. Abram H. Ellis, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Lodge of Kansas ; died September 25th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine ; died October 25th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. John Walton Mix, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut ; died October 12th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Henry Lyman Fish, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nevada ; died October 21st, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Segundo Alvares Consales, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Cuba ; died October 14th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Clinton F. Paige, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York ; died November 13th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Milton Livsey, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island ; died August 5th, 1902.

M.W. Bro. Andrew Hutchinson White, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of South Carolina ; died January 19th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Henry P. H. Bromwell, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois ; died January 9th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Daniel Monroe Browning, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois ; died January 30th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Royal Hatch Cove, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota ; died February 28th, 1903.

R.W. Bro. Wiley M. Egan, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Illinois ; died February 12th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Eli Sanford Quinlaw, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut ; died March 15th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Noble D. Larner, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of District of Columbia ; died March 19th, 1903.

R.W. Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Michigan ; died April 5th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. John Lloyd Spinks, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Mississippi ; died April 9th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Stillman White, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island ; died April 3rd, 1903.

M.W. Bro. John C. Yocum, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri ; died April 28th, 1903.

R.W. Bro. James Melville, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Bentley, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R.W. Bro. Joseph Kidder, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

M.W. Bro. James M. Mobley, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Georgia; died May 9th, 1903.

We respectfully recommend that the usual pages of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to commemorate these departed brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. CAMPKIN,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. D. Foley (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MONUMENT

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:*

Your Committee appointed in 1902 by M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, to arrange for the erection of a monument to the late M.W. Bro. Very Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, beg to report as follows:—

That contributions were solicited from the Lodges under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, your Committee believing that in this way all the members of the Craft could be reached. The responses were most gratifying, as the accompanying statement will show, the sum of \$590 having been received. An unsolicited subscription of \$10 was received from a brother, and the sum of \$16.12 interest from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, where the funds were deposited.

Your Committee decided to erect a monument in St. John's Cemetery and procure an oil painting of our late brother to be placed in the Masonic Temple in Winnipeg. Those charged with the work have, in both cases, carried it out to the entire satisfaction of your Committee.

After providing for the payment, out of the balance in hand, of an account for \$40 for placing curbing in the Cemetery Lot there still remains an unexpended balance of \$21.12, and your Committee would recommend that the unsolicited subscription of \$10 be returned, and that the sum of \$11.12 be paid to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

The following statements are submitted herewith:—

- 1.—List of Lodges contributing to the fund, and the amounts contributed by each.
- 2.—Statement of expenditure, etc.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE—O'MEARA MONUMENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Contributions of Lodges	\$590 00	
“ unsolicited	10 00	
Interest	16 12	
		<hr/> \$616 12

EXPENDITURE

Moore Printing Co., printing circulars, etc.	\$ 5 00	
V. A. Long, oil painting.....	100 00	
Hooper, Houkes & Co., granite monument	450 00	
		<hr/> \$555 00
Balance on hand		<hr/> \$ 61 12

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

TO THE FUND FOR THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT TO THE LATE M.W.

BRO. THE VERY REV. JAMES DALLAS O'MEARA

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1—	Prince Rupert's	\$25 00
3—	Ancient Landmark	25 00
4—	St. John's	20 00
6—	Emerson	10 00
7—	Assiniboine	15 00
8—	King Solomon	15 00
9—	Oakland	5 00
10—	Northern Light	25 00
11—	Gladstone	10 00
14—	Prince of Wales	10 00
16—	Kinistino	10 00
19—	Brandon.....	20 00
24—	Neepawa	15 00
25—	Ionic	20 00
26—	Moose Jaw	15 00
27—	Glenwood	5 00
28—	Bow River	15 00
29—	Carberry	10 00
30—	Manitou.....	5 00
31—	Medicine Hat	15 00
32—	Qu'Appelle Valley	9 00
33—	Indian Head.....	10 00
34—	Qu'Appelle	8 25
35—	Moosomin	15 00
36—	Doric	15 00
37—	Alberta	5 75
39—	Birtle	5 00
40—	Deloraine	12 00
41—	North Star	12 00
43—	Lebanon.....	10 00
45—	Spitzie	10 00
47—	Ashlar....	10 00
49—	Temple	5 00
51—	Treherne	5 00

Carried forward \$422 00

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
	<i>Brought forward...</i>	\$422 00
52—	Hartney	10 00
54—	Oriental	10 00
55—	East Star	5 00
56—	Maple Leaf	10 00
57—	Evening Star	10 00
58—	Innisfail	5 00
60—	Perfection	15 00
61—	Northwest Mounted Police....	8 00
62—	Russell	10 00
63—	Holland	10 00
64—	Composite	5 00
66—	Acacia	10 00
67—	Wawanesa	10 00
69—	Yorkton	5 00
70—	Shiloh	5 00
71—	Crystal	10 00
72—	Duck Lake	5 00
74—	Elkhorn	5 00
78—	Jasper	5 00
79—	Yukon	15 00
Total from Lodges		\$590 00
Unsolicited		10 00
Interest, Can. Bank of Commerce.		16 12
		<hr/> \$616 12

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the report of the Committee on the O'Meara Monument Fund was received and adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

In accordance with notice previously given the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were adopted :

Moved by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33)

That Sec. 51 be expurged, and the following be substituted therefor :
The Masonic Districts shall be as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine, and shall be published in the proceedings of each Grand Annual Communication.

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. White (25)

That Clause 168 be expunged.

Moved by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. John McKechnie (1)

That the word "or" in the sixth line of Sec. 242 and the word "or" in the fifth line of Sec. 255 be expunged and the following substituted :
"and if necessary for a longer period."

Moved by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3)

That Sections 67, 68, 69, 70, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 90, 92, 93, 94 and 95 be repealed and the following substituted :

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, ITS COMMITTEES, ETC.

OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

79—The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and sixteen others, eight of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge each year, and shall hold office for two years from the date of election, and who must be either Masters or Past Masters of private Lodges, and members of Grand Lodge. Provided, that at the annual communication in the year 1903, the whole sixteen shall be elected, of

whom the eight having the largest number of votes shall hold office for two years, and the remainder for one year only. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

80—The Board shall annually, at its first meeting, elect from its members, by ballot, the President, Vice-President, and by open vote the Standing Committees on Judisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, the Condition of Masonry, Foreign Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Benevolence, Charters and New Lodges, and Credentials and Reception, for the Masonic year.

81—The names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination as members of the Board are to be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary on the first day of the assembling of Grand Lodge in Annual Communication, in order that all names so to be proposed shall be by the Grand Secretary conspicuously posted near the entrance to Grand Lodge, in the ante-room, previous to the election, and printed slips shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with the names of the brethren so nominated thereon, in time to distribute same to the members of Grand Lodge before the election of officers shall take place.

82—If the President, Vice-President or any other member of the Board die or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled by ballot of the Board at its next meeting. Notice of such election shall be given in the summons issued for the next meeting of the Board.

83—Should the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the brother highest in rank and seniority shall preside.

84—Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Thursday after the second Wednesday in June of each year, at the place appointed for holding the meeting of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of electing the President, Vice-President, and the several Standing Committees, and for the transaction of other business.

85—Regular meetings of the Board shall also be held on the third Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October in each year at such place as may be designated by the Board at its previous meeting, or in case the place of meeting shall not be designated, then at such place as the President may appoint. Any meeting may be adjourned for further consideration of the business, and may also be convened at other times by the Grand Master or President.

86.—Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board, and may proceed to business, except in the decision of Masonic complaints, for which purpose at least seven members must be present. All questions

shall be decided by a majority vote, the presiding officer, in case of equality, having a second vote.

87—The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons, fine or suspension, according to the laws ; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. Notice of any such intended appeal shall be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within fourteen days of the receipt by the Lodge, or brother, of the decision of the Board of General Purposes on the case. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to Grand Lodge.

88—The Board may summon any Lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of a brother. If such Lodge or brother do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to Grand Lodge.

89—When the Board has investigated and decided on any case which in its judgment requires admonition or suspension, the fact alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minute, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto quoted, and the decision recorded and acted upon.

90—In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

91—The members of the Board shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

92—The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and give orders for any alterations that may be considered desirable.

93—The Board, or any of its committees, may summon the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, or other officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge, to attend the Board, or meeting of such Committee, when such directions shall be given as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

95—The Board has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements.

97—The Board has likewise the care and regulation of all the concerns of the Grand Lodge, and may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the craft; and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Lodge, and the arrangements of its general transactions.

98—No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board, unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

99—All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or other boards or committees, or any private Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

100—The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

101—The Standing Committees shall report through the Board to Grand Lodge.

102—All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in a minute book by the Grand Secretary.

103—No remuneration shall be given to any member of the Board except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

104—The Board shall, at the regular meeting on the first Thursday after the second Wednesday in June of each year select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees (each Committee to consist of five members).

105—Each committee shall at once proceed to elect its chairman for the current year, who shall receive all reports, etc., to be submitted to the committee, call the members together for consultation at such time and place as to him shall be deemed best, preside at such meetings, and communicate the decisions of the committee to the Board of General Purposes, and when necessary to the officers of Grand Lodge concerned.

106—All vacancies occurring in committees shall be filled by nomination of the Board of General Purposes.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35)

That the following be added to Sec. 324 : " Provided, however, that the Grand Master may direct the issue of a Past Master's Certificate to a brother who has been elected, but not installed or served a full year as Master of a Lodge."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared " Lost."

RANK OF PAST MASTER

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), and

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to register W. Bro. N. M. W. J. McKenzie as a Past Master, and issue him a Past Master's Certificate.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13) :

That I will move at the next Session of this Grand Lodge " That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be paid to the several Hospitals."

SPECIAL ORDER

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place to-day at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m. until 2.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day - - Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 11th, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. R. S. THORNTON

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, M.W. Bro. Chas. N. Bell, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar.

In presenting the testimonial M.W. Bro. Bell referred in eloquent terms to the distinguished services which had been rendered to the Grand Lodge by the recipient, and assured him that the love and affection of his brethren had formed a link that would never be broken.

M.W. Bro. Thornton made an eloquent and feeling reply.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The Representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on page 423, were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), and

Resolved—That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at the town of Edmonton.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by V.W. Bro. O. Neff (35),

That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at the town of Moosomin.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared “Lost.”

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES

It was moved by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and the Canadian Northern Railway Co. for the very liberal rates of fare extended to the members and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE
No. 3

It was moved by R.W. Bro. F. F. Higgs (60), seconded by V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES

On motion of R.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64), seconded by W. Bro. J. T. McDonald (60), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.W. BRO. R. HILL MYERS

On motion of R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers.

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. MASTER

On motion of V.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION TO EDMONTON

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), and

Resolved—That the Grand Master appoint a Committee for the purpose of making transportation arrangements for delegates attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at the town of Edmonton, June, 1904.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report :—

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report as follows :—

There are 75 chartered and 4 Lodges U.D. on the Grand Register ; 22 Lodges are represented by their own officers, 32 Lodges by proxy, and 21 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 82 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 245.

Your Committee find the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows :—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	.....	.....	8	.....	11
2	Lisgar .....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	.....	7	.....	10
4	St. John's	1	1	.....	5	.....	8
7	Assiniboine	1	.....	.....	1	.....	4
8	King Solomon	1	.....	.....	2	.....	5
9	Oakland .....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	5
10	Northern Light	1	.....	.....	8	.....	11
11	Gladstone .....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	5
13	Belmont .....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	5

On motion of R. W. Bro. M. Lawrie (8), seconded by W. Bro. H. Cockman (3), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as Scrutineers M. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), and M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), when the election proceeded, with the following results :—

R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Grand Master.

R. W. “ Rev. A. Chisholm (49), Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. “ Wm. G. Scott (1), Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. “ H. H. Campkin (33), Grand Junior Warden.

R. W. “ John McKechnie (1), re-elected Grand Treasurer.

M. W. “ James A. Ovas (27), re-elected Grand Secretary.

R. W. “ R. P. Crookshank (15), Grand Registrar.

R. W. “ Rev. Geo. H. Webb (66), re-elected Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :—

R.W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie (3), First Masonic District.

W.	"	Wm. Cairns (49),	Second	"	"
R.W.	"	H. C. Cunningham (9),	Third	"	"
W.	"	E. T. Greenway (71),	Fourth	"	"
V.W.	"	E. A. Struthers (62),	Fifth	"	"
W.	"	Gilbert Rowan (74),	Sixth	"	"
W.	"	J. F. Betts (16),	Seventh	"	"
V.W.	"	D. D. Ellis (35),	Eighth	"	"
W.	"	Geo. Macdonald (28),	Ninth	"	"
W.	"	John Dixon (56),	Tenth	"	"
W.	"	S. C. Elkington (79),	Eleventh	"	"
W.	"	D. S. McKenzie (66),	Twelfth	"	"

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years :—

R.W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), Winnipeg.

W. " John R. Grant (10), Winnipeg.

R.W. " Geo. W. Baker (10), Winnipeg.

V.W. " T. Harry Webb (1), Winnipeg.

R.W. " J. J. White (25), Winnipeg.

R.W. " J. Obed Smith (1), Winnipeg.

R.W. " R. P. Crookshank (15), Rapid City.

R.W. " H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of one year :—

- V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Winnipeg.
 - R.W. “ D. W. McDermid (1), Winnipeg.
 - W. “ William Braden (4), Winnipeg.
 - V.W. “ John T. B. Persse (3), Winnipeg.
 - W. “ Robert Magness (10), Winnipeg.
 - R.W. “ John Wemyss (24), Neepawa.
 - R.W. “ William Fenwick (64), Alexander.
 - R.W. “ Eustace Cope (29), Carberry.
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THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), seconded by W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), and

Resolved—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :—

- W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3), Grand Senior Deacon.
W. " Geo. T. Bragg (53), Grand Junior Deacon.
W. " A. H. Smith (35), Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. " Rev. J. F. Cox (64), Grand Organist.
W. " O. Neff (35), Grand Steward.
W. " J. A. McDonald (32), Grand Steward.
W. " F. R. Exham (28), Grand Steward.
W. " M. W. McKim (74), Grand Steward.
W. " Geo. C. Hill (36), Grand Steward.
W. " David Low (23), Grand Steward.
W. " J. W. Jameson (9), Grand Steward.
W. " J. R. Hallam (37), Grand Steward.
W. " B. P. Hepp (75), Grand Pursuivant.
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Grand Master elect, R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees : —

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), Convener; M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13),
M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), Convener; R.W. Bro. J. J. White
(25), R.W. Bro. M. Lawrie (8).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg (3), Convener; W. Bro. John R. Grant (10),
R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), Convener; R.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird
(1), W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25).

ON TRANSPORTATION TO EDMONTON

V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Convener; R.W. Bro. John McKech-
nie (1), V.W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3).

AUDITORS

V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), W. Bro. John H. Mitchell (1).

On motion of M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), sec-
onded by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), the Masonic
Districts were determined as follows: —

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie, Winnipeg.

No. 1—Prince Rupert's.....	Winnipeg
“ 2—Lisgar	Selkirk
“ 3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg
“ 4—St. John's	Winnipeg
“ 6—Emerson	Emerson
“ 8—King Solomon.....	Morris
“ 10—Northern Light.....	Winnipeg
“ 12—Stonewall	Stonewall
“ 25—Ionic	Winnipeg
“ 55—East Star.....	Gretna

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William Cairns, MacGregor.

No. 7—Assiniboine.....	Portage la Prairie
“ 11—Gladstone	Gladstone
“ 24—Neepawa.....	Neepawa
“ 29—Carberry	Carberry
“ 49—Temple.....	MacGregor
“ 68—Vermillion.....	Dauphin
“ 75—Gothic	Austin

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. C. Cunningham, Carman.

No. 9—Oakland.....	Carman
“ 48—Glenboro	Glenboro
“ 51—Treherne	Treherne
“ 63—Holland	Holland
“ 67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa
“ 70—Shiloh.....	Roland
U. D.—Rathwell	Rathwell

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway, Crystal City.

No. 13—Belmont	Morden
“ 30—Manitou	Manitou
“ 36—Doric	Boissevain
“ 40—Deloraine	Deloraine
“ 50—Killarney	Killarney
“ 54—Oriental	Melita
“ 71—Crystal	Crystal City
“ 77—Napinka	Napinka
U. D.—Amity.....	Carnduff

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. A. Struthers, Russell.

No. 14—Prince of Wales.....	Minnedosa
“ 15—Corinthian	Rapid City
“ 39—Birtle	Birtle
“ 62—Russell	Russell
“ 69—Yorkton	Yorkton
“ 84—Hamiota	Hamiota

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Gilbert Rowan, Miniota.

No. 19—Brandon	Brandon
“ 27—Glenwood	Souris
“ 43—Lebanon	Virden
“ 44—Oak Lake.....	Oak Lake
“ 52—Hartney	Hartney
“ 64—Composite	Alexander
“ 74—Elkhorn.....	Elkhorn
U. D.—Elgin	Elgin

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. F. Betts, Prince Albert.

No. 16—Kinistino.....	Prince Albert
“ 72—Duck Lake.....	Duck Lake

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, Fleming.

No. 23—Wascana	Regina
“ 26—Moose Jaw.....	Moose Jaw

No. 32—Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33—Indian Head	Indian Head
" 34—Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin	Moosomin
" 47—Ashlar	Whitewood
" 57—Evening Star	Grenfell
" 61—North-West Mounted Police	Regina
" 80—Sintaluta	Sintaluta

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald, Calgary.

No. 28—Bow River	Calgary
" 42—Cascade	Anthracite
" 58—Innisfail	Innisfail
" 60—Perfection	Calgary
" 73—Red Deer	Red Deer
U. D.—Mountain View	Olds

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Dixon, Maple Creek.

No. 31—Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
" 37—Alberta	Macleod
" 41—North Star	Lethbridge
" 45—Spitzie	Pincher Creek
" 56—Maple Leaf	Maple Creek

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. C. Elkington, Dawson.

No. 79—Yukon	Dawson
" 81—White Horse	White Horse

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. D. S. McKenzie, Strathcona.

No. 53—Edmonton.....	Edmonton
“ 65—Eureka	Lacombe
“ 66—Acacia	Strathcona
“ 76—Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan
“ 78—Jasper	Edmonton
“ 83—Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District.....	7
Third Masonic District	8
Fourth Masonic District	9
Fifth Masonic District	6
Sixth Masonic District.....	8
Seventh Masonic District	2
Eighth Masonic District	10
Ninth Masonic District.....	6
Tenth Masonic District.....	5
Eleventh Masonic District	2
Twelfth Masonic District	6
Total.....	79

MONEY GRANT

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35),

That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be granted to the several Hospitals.

It was moved in amendment by M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by M.W. Bro. Chas N. Bell (1), and

Resolved—That the said sum of Five Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5.30 o'clock p.m. until 9.30 o'clock p.m.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

In accordance with the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, a meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, was opened at 8 o'clock and the Third Degree exemplified.

THANKS TO PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, No. 1

It was moved by M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the members attending Grand Lodge be extended to Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, for the manner in which they have conducted the work.

Second Day - - Evening Session

RESUMED LABOR

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 11th, at 10 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Past Grand Master, delivered his address on "The Legend and Symbolism of the Third Degree."

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), and

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton for his interesting and instructive address.

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INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, assisted by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-eighth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 11.40 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by V.W. Bro. Rev. J. F. Cox, as Grand Chaplain.

Attest :



James A. Ows
Grand Secretary

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT :

M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10).....Winnipeg

VICE-PRESIDENT :

V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10)Winnipeg

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE :

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Grand Master.....Edmonton
 M.W. " Geo. F. Newcombe (77), Past Grand Master Napinka
 M.W. " D. J. Goggin (10), Past Grand Master Toronto
 M.W. " Geo. Black (10), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
 M.W. " Rev. Dean Matheson (10), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
 M.W. " James A. Ovas (27), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
 M.W. " Wm. G. Bell (3), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M.W. " Thomas Tweed (31), Past Grand Master.....Medicine Hat
 M.W. " Chas. N. Bell (1), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
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 M.W. " Thomas Robinson (10), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
 M.W. " Geo. B. Murphy (35), Past Grand Master.....Moosomin
 M.W. " John Leslie (1), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M.W. " R. S. Thornton (40), Past Grand Master.....Deloraine
 M.W. " R. Hill Myers (14), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M.W. " Alfred Pearson (1), Past Grand Master Chicago
 R.W. " Rev. A. Chisholm (49), Deputy Grand MasterMacGregor
 R.W. " John McKechnie (1), Grand Treasurer. Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE:

R.W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25)....Winnipeg
 R.W. " Geo. W. Baker (10)Winnipeg
 R.W. " J. J. White (25)Winnipeg
 R.W. " J. Obed Smith (1)Winnipeg

R.W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank (15)	Rapid City
R.W. " H. H. Campkin (33)	Indian Head
V.W. " T. Harry Webb (1)	Winnipeg
W. " John R. Grant (10)	Winnipeg
R.W. " D. W. McDermid (1)	Winnipeg
R.W. " John Wemyss (24)	Neepawa
R.W. " William Fenwick (64)	Alexander
R.W. " Eustace Cope (29)	Carberry
V.W. " James Scroggie (10)	Winnipeg
V.W. " John T. B. Persse (3)	Winnipeg
W. " William Braden (4)	Winnipeg
W. " Robt. Magness (10)	Winnipeg

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEES

ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), Chairman; M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Chairman; M.W. Bro. John Leslie (11), R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49), R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29), W. Bro. John R. Grant (10).

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY

R.W. Bro. J. J. White (25), Chairman; M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (47), R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), R.W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank (15), W. Bro. William Braden (4).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

M.W. Bro. Chas N. Bell (1), Chairman ; M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), R.W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

ON BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), Chairman ; R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), R.W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), W. Bro. Robt. Magness (10).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), Chairman ; R.W. Bro. J. J. White (25), R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29), R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R.W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), Chairman ; R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), R.W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), V.W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3).

ON FINANCE

W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), Chairman ; V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), V.W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3), V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), W. Bro. William Braden (4).

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE
Smith, James	Lisgar	2	May 2 .....1898
Mowat, Andrew	Lisgar	2	July 3 .....1899
Hartley, W C	Emerson	6	May 22 .....1902
Mutchmore, Thornton W	Emerson	6	May 22 .....1902
Brale, Charles	Assiniboine	7	February 19 .....1902
Connor, Charles E	King Solomon	8	May 6 .....1902
Cragg, Albert L	King Solomon	8	May 6 .....1902
Drought, Thomas	King Solomon	8	May 6 .....1902
Madill, William J	King Solomon	8	May 6 .....1902
Partingson, Stephen	King Solomon	8	May 6 .....1902
Proctor, Robert H	King Solomon	8	May 6 .....1902
Carscallen, A D	King Solomon	8	June 3 .....1902
Bunn, John R	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Bagshawe, Fred T	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Fletcher, Frank	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Grant, William S	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Harstone, Robert B	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Howard, John F	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Whenden, Charles O	Northern Light	10	May 15 .....1902
Duncan, Thomas	Belmont	13	December 11, 1902
Jordan, Edward	Belmont	13	December 11, 1902
Kohler, George M	Belmont	13	December 11, 1902
Sheldon, William C	Belmont	13	December 11, 1902
Walton, Thomas J	Belmont	13	December 11, 1902
Campbell, Thomas N	Kinistino	16	October 3 .....1902
Gunn, William R	Kinistino	16	October 3 .....1902
McDougall, Hugh	Kinistino	16	October 3 .....1902
Guy, Arthur G L	Brandon	19	December 9 .....1902
Greenman, W R	Brandon	19	December 9 .....1902
Tannahill, Andrew	Brandon	19	December 9 .....1902
Thompson, W E	Brandon	19	December 9 .....1902
Stevenson, J K	Moose Jaw	26	June 24 .....1902
Jones, Robert	Moose Jaw	26	June 24 .....1902
Bryan, M S N	Glenwood	27	December 27, 1902
Foster, William A	Glenwood	27	December 27, 1902
Young, Thomas W H	Glenwood	27	December 27, 1902
Young, Matthew	Manitou	30	November 10, 1902
O'Keefe, Michael	Medicine Hat	31	January 21 .....1902
McIlwaine, Andrew	Medicine Hat	31	January 21 .....1902
Lyman, Robert R	Medicine Hat	31	January 21 .....1902
Smith, Charles F	Medicine Hat	31	June 17 .....1902
Tupper, George F	Medicine Hat	31	June 17 .....1902

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—CONTINUED

NAME	LODGE	NO.	DATE
Craney, E	North Star	41	February 10 ..1902
Caretoot, William F	Lebanon	43	August 19 ...1902
Ward, Thomas M	Treherne	51	April 2 .....1902
Moorehouse, E Robinson	Hartney	52	April 22 .....1902
Claxton, Lionel W.....	Maple Leaf	56	April 17 .....1902
Best, Samuel	Evening Star	57	October 21 ...1902
Crofton, Hugh A	Evening Star	57	September 23, 1902
McLeod, T G J	Evening Star	57	September 23, 1902
Dicker, Alexander B.....	Holland	63	June 18 .....1902
Woodhull, Benjamin N.....	Holland	63	June 18 .....1902
Newby, Edmund	Holland	63	July 16 .....1902
Shiel, Stewart J	Vermillion	68	December 2 ...1902
Bentley, H Mulock	Vermillion	68	December 2 ...1902
Berrard, William	Vermillion	68	December 2 ...1902
Eaton, William H	Vermillion	68	December 2 ...1902
Mack, Edward E	Vermillion	68	December 2 ...1902
Grant, Walter W	Shiloh	70	May 22 .....1902
Duncan, James D	Shiloh	70	May 221902

SUSPENDED FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT

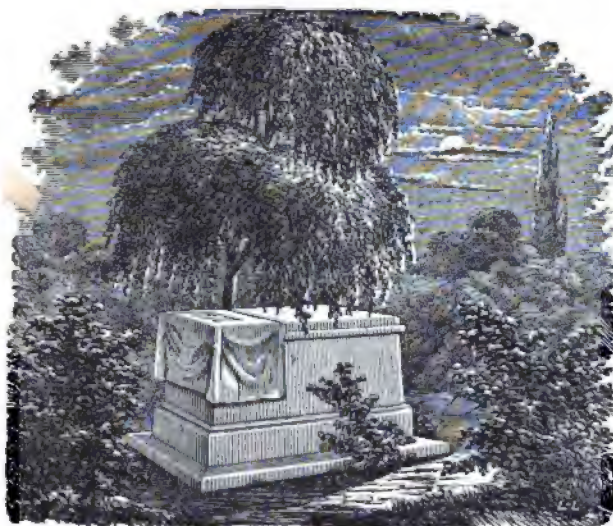
Albert, Karl K	St. John's.....	4	October 1 ...1902
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RE-INSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE
Laird, William	Prince Rupert's ...	1	January 21 ...1902
Smith, John McKenzie	Prince Rupert's ...	1	February 18 ..1902
Murray, Charles M	Ancient Landmark.	3	June 9 .....1902
Spates, Kossuth	Emerson	6	November 13 ..1902
Bell, C D	Assiniboine	7	February 19 ..1902
Hay, E H G G	Assiniboine	7	February 19 ..1902
Ross, A W	Assiniboine	7	February 19 ..1902
Andrews, William J	Belmont	13	June 23, ....1902
Thompson, Malcolm	Corinthian	15	January 7 ....1902
Armstrong, R Scott	Corinthian	15	December 2 ...1902
Pendygrass, John S	Kinistino	16	February 8 ...1902
McLeod, George C	Kinistino	16	August 1 .....1902
Creamer, James	Wascana	23	December 3 ...1902
McCaul, James A	Wascana	23	April 1 .....1902
Stephens, William	Wascana	23	December 4 ...1902
Rooke, Thomas	Ionic	25	May 2 .....1902
La Penitier, Frederick	Bow River	28	June 9 .....1902
Potter, Isaac	Bow River	28	March 10 .....1902
Ingram, John S	Bow River	28	July 14 .....1902
Lea, Richard N	Manitou	30	January 8 ....1902
Hill, James A	Manitou	30	January 8 ....1902
Hall, William E	Indian Head	33	May 1 .....1902
Bright, John B	Alberta	37	December 10, 1902
Allshire, Thomas	Birtle	39	August 11 ...1902
Pentland, James B	Birtle	39	August 11 ...1902
Fulmer, Leonard C	Cascade	42	December 13, 1902
Adamson, Robert	Lebanon	43	March 18 .....1902

DEATHS 22 — 20 LODGES

NAME	DATE	LODGE	No.
Alexander McNabb	November 20, 1902	Prince Rupert's ...	1
George Bailey	April 18, 1902	Ancient Landmark	3
John A Bryson	June 28, 1902	Ancient Landmark	3
Edwin A Tilbury	May 7, 1902	St. John's	4
Harry Hodges	July 27, 1902	St. John's	4
Samuel P Sutton	September 24, 1902	Gladstone	11
Robert Brown	September 13, 1902	Belmont	13
James Leslie	November 20, 1902	Prince of Wales ..	14
John McKelvie	February 17, 1902	Brandon	19
J. H. Benson	June 8, 1902	Wascana	23
R. A. VanBlaricom	May 19, 1902	Neepawa	24
Albert E Elliott	January 26, 1902 ..	Ionic	25
Alexander Brechin ..	May 2, 1902	Moose Jaw	26
William Moran	April 7, 1902	Moosomin	35
F. Champness	June 28, 1902	North Star	41
Ernest N. Holmes	October 31, 1902	Lebanon	43
John W. Muirhead	August 13, 1902 ..	Ashlar	47
William Halliday	September 24, 1902	Acacia	66
Ira Mayhew	August 7, 1902	Wawanesa	67
Samuel Gable	December 5, 1902 ..	Vermillion	68
H. N. Neilson	March 20, 1902	Yorkton	69
Geo. W. Mollison	July 15, 1902 ..	Gothic	75

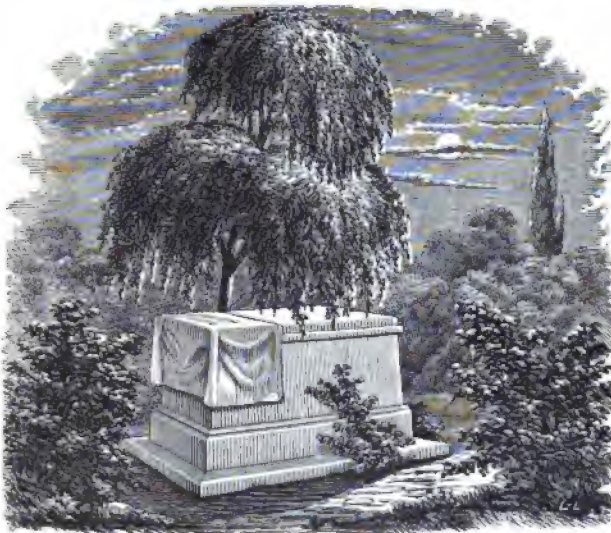


In Memory

...of the...

**Twenty-two Brethren of the Twenty
Lodges whose deaths have been
reported during the
Masonic Year
ending
December 27, 1902**

**"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."**



In Memory

...of the...

Illustrious Dead

...of...

Sister Grand Lodges

**" Death's but a path that must be trod,
If man would ever pass to God."**

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1903

M.W. Bro.	E. A. Braithwaite (53), Edmonton	Grand Master
R.W.	" Rev. A. Chisholm (49), MacGregor	Deputy Grand Master
R.W.	" Wm. G. Scott (1), Winnipeg	Grand Senior Warden
R.W.	" H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head	Grand Junior Warden
R.W.	" J. Malcolm Suttie (3), Winnipeg	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" William Cairns (49), MacGregor	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" H. C. Cunningham (9), Carman	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" E. T. Greenway (71), Crystal City	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" E. A. Struthers (62), Russell	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" Gilbert Rowan (74), Miniota	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" J. F. Betts (16), Prince Albert	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" D. D. Ellis (35), Fleming	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" Geo. Macdonald (28), Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" John Dixon (56), Maple Creek	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" S. C. Elkington (79), Dawson	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" D. S. McKenzie (66), Strathcona	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg	re-elected Grand Treasurer
M.W.	" James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg	re-elected Grand Secretary
R.W.	" R. P. Crookshank (15), Rapid City	Grand Registrar
R.W.	" Rev. Geo. H. Webb (66), Strathcona	re-elect'd Grand Chaplain
V.W.	" John T. B. Persse (3), Winnipeg	Grand Senior Deacon
V.W.	" Geo. T. Bragg (53), Edmonton	Grand Junior Deacon
V.W.	" A. H. Smith (35), Moosomin	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W.	" Rev. J. F. Cox (64), Alexander	Grand Organist
V.W.	" O. Neff (35), Moosomin	Grand Steward
V.W.	" J. A. McDonald (32), Fort Qu'Appelle	Grand Steward
V.W.	" F. R. Exham (28), Calgary	Grand Steward
V.W.	" M. W. McKim (74), Elkhorn	Grand Steward
V.W.	" Geo. C. Hill (36), Boissevain	Grand Steward
V.W.	" David Low (23), Regina	Grand Steward
V.W.	" J. W. Jamieson (9), Carman	Grand Steward
V.W.	" J. R. Hallam (37), Macleod	Grand Steward
V.W.	" B. P. Hepp (75), Austin	Grand Pursuivant
	" John McBride (1), Winnipeg	Grand Tyler

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an asterisk (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist;
all others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge	Town and Post Office Address	Province or District	W. Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Manitoba	H L Deakin	John Gibb	Third Tuesday in each month
2	Lisgar	St. John's	"	David Morrison	F R Gemmel	First Monday in each month
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	"	E A Garratt	Norman T Lee	Second Monday in each month
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	"	Thomas Jones	Wm Mowat	Second Thursday in each month
6	Emerson	Portage la Prairie	"	Ino W Macdonald	A G McArthur	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Morris	"	William McCaig	E W Bateman	Third Wednesday in each month
8	King Solomon	Carman	"	A A Ballard	R F McTavish	First Tuesday in each month
9	Oakland	Winnipeg	"	Robert Magnus	J W Jameson	Tuesday on or before full moon
10	Northern Light	Gladstone	"	Joshua Hack	J Ferguson	Third Thursday in each month
11	Stonewall	Stonewall	"	Alex R Leonard	Chas Wooda	Monday on or before full moon
12	Belmont	Morden	"	Alan R Stewart	J Gilchrist	Tuesday on or before full moon
13	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	"	Ashton Burton	H G Cuttle	Thursday on or before full moon
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	"	Thos J Buchart	A L Lepage	Friday on or before full moon
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert	Saskatchewan	John Dickson	A S Stewart	First Tuesday in each month
19	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	E B Hutchison	H L Adolph	First Friday in each month
20	Wascona	Regina	Assinibola	James McIntosh	F B Reilly	Second Tuesday in each month
21	Neepawa	Neepawa	Manitoba	Joseph Mills	J Wemyss	First Tuesday in each month
22	Ionie	Winnipeg	"	Henry Whitmore	W C Copeland	Wednesday on or before full moon
23	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	Assinibola	F E Whinnam	Hy Sykes	First Friday in each month
24	Glenwood	Souris	Manitoba	P W Ireland	W H Meneray	Second Tuesday in each month
25	Bow River	Calgary	Alberta	F R Exham	Geo Macdonald	Friday on or before full moon
26	Carberry	Manitou	Manitoba	Thos G Aikinson	Eustace Cope	Second Monday in each month
27	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	"	P G Foster	R W McClung	Tuesday on or before full moon
28	Qu'Appelle Valley	Port Qu'Appelle	Assinibola	W S Hockley	O W Kealy	Friday on or before full moon
29	Indian Head	Indian Head	"	Wm Mackenzie	W M Thomson	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Woodmen	Woodmen	"	Wm Mackenzie	J P Watteau	Friday on or before full moon
31	Woodmen	Woodmen	"	A Henderson	J P Harmer	Tuesday on or before full moon
32	Woodmen	Woodmen	"	A Henderson	J P Harmer	Wednesday on or before full moon

36	Doric.	Boisereain	Manitoba	Geo C Hill	William Gordon	Fourth Tuesday in each month
37	Alberta.	Macleod	Alberta.	Jno R Hallam	C D T Beecher	Wednesday on or before full moon
38	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	James J Foster	Peter Duncan	Second Monday in each month
39	Deloraine	Deloraine	"	Thomas McNab	James B Wilkinson	Wednesday on or before full moon
40	North Star*	Lethbridge	Alberta.	W McNeill Little	James McCall	Second Monday in each month
41	Cascade	Anthracite	"	F C Menlove	H L Little	Thursday on or before full moon
42	Lebanon	Virdee	Manitoba	T C Menlove	C E Pinco	Thursday on or before full moon
43	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	"	E A Ambrose	W J Hellwell	Friday on or before full moon
44	Spitzie	Pincher Creek	Alberta	Charles A Armstrong	H R Grant	Tuesday on or before full moon
45	Ashlar	Whitewood	Assiniboia	James Mitchell	F A Galt	Second Monday in each month
46	Glenboro.	Glenboro	Manitoba	William Cairns	F Axford	Wednesday on or after full moon
47	Temple	MacGregor	"	Angus McQueen	J M Berry	Friday on or before full moon
48	Killarney	Killarney	"	Joe Golley	J M McNab	Friday on or before full moon
49	Treherne	Treherne	"	Benj McDermott	E B Townsen	Third Thursday in each month
50	Edmonton	Edmonton	Alberta.	R W McKenzie	A R Jamieson	Friday on or before full moon
51	Oriental	Hartney	Manitoba	Otto Schults	Chas Wann	Wednesday on or before full moon
52	Rail Star.	Crella	Assiniboia	John Cool	David Patterson	Thursday on or before full moon
53	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek	Alberta	B W Argue	J Walker	Thursday on or after full moon
54	Evening Star.	Grenfell	Alberta	F M Archer	A J Curry	Third Thursday in each month
55	Unistail	Unistail	"	F Macdonald	W T Armstrong	First Thursday in each month
56	N. W. M. Police	Calgary	Assiniboia	Frank Church	H C Ayre	Wednesday on or before full moon
57	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	A Wright	G P Baler	Thursday on or before full moon
58	Holland	Holland	"	John Moir	V E Latimer	First Wednesday in each month
59	Composite	Alexander	Alberta.	V J Con.	Thos Young	Second Thursday in each month
60	Eureka.	Saathcona	Manitoba	W L Elliott	I D Skinner	Monday on or before full moon
61	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	"	G D Barclay	G M Douglas	Thursday on or before full moon
62	Vermilion	Dauphin	"	C Brown	George A Scott	First Monday in each month
63	Shiloh	Vorkton	"	R Christopheron	I W Johnston	Monday on or before full moon
64	Crystal City	Roland	"	C R Erdman	C H Waage	Thursday on or before full moon
65	Duck Lake	Crystal City	Saskatchewan	John E Orange	W P Sparling	Second Wednesday in each month
66	Elk Deer	Elk Deer	Alberta	A McTye	H H Price	Second Tuesday in each month
67	Elk Horn	Elk Horn	Manitoba	C Kowan	C R Dabury	Monday on or after full moon
68	Victoria	Elk Horn	Alberta	D Campbell	E H Belton	Monday on or before full moon
69	Napinka	Elk Horn	Manitoba	W S Ritchie	E C Dodel	Thursday on or before full moon
70	Isper	Edmonton	Manitoba	V E D Caselman	S C Smith	Second Monday in each month
71	St. Louis	Edmonton	Manitoba	C H Wells	G O Stevenson	First Thursday in each month
72	White Horse	White Horse	Manitoba	E A Pirridge	D P Ross	First Monday in each month
73	Cypress River	Cypress River	Manitoba	R D Skelton	E A McNeely	Thursday on or before full moon
74	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin	Manitoba	A R Dickson	Ian McDell	Thursday on or before full moon
75	Hamiota	Hamiota	Manitoba	Wm Ferguson	R D H Wilkins	Fourth Tuesday in each month
76					Wm Chambers	

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 22ND OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

Elected At	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev W C Clarke.	*Hon W N Kennedy.	Jas Henderson	*S L Bedson . . .	*Col Jno Kennedy	*John H Bell . .	*H T Champion . .	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1876	*Hon W N Kennedy	Jas Henderson	*S L Bedson . .	G F Newcomb . .	*J J Johnson . . .	*John H Bell . .	Jno W Harris . .	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1877	G F Newcomb . .	Jas Henderson	Jno W Harris	.....	*J J Johnson . . .	*John H Bell . .	*Col John Kennedy	*Rev Canon S P Matheson
1878	G F Newcomb . .	*Jno W Harris	*Simon Duffin	*P T Bradley . . .	*J J Johnson . . .	*John H Bell . .	*Col John Kennedy	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1879	Rev Canon S P Matheson	*Jno W Harris	*Simon Duffin	R McCuaig	*J J Johnson . . .	*John H Bell . .	*James Munroe . .	Rev James Platt
1880	*John H Bell . . .	.....	*Hon G McCracken	*J M McGregor . .	*J J Johnson . . .	Wm G Scott . . .	*D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1881	*John H Bell . . .	Wm G Scott . .	*D B Murray . .	.....	*J J Johnson . . .	Jas Henderson . .	*D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1882	*John H Bell . . .	Wm G Scott . .	*Alfred Pearson .	.....	*J J Johnson . . .	.....	*D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1883	*John H Bell . . .	*D B Murray . .	R McCuaig . . .	*John Smith, M D	*J J Johnson . . .	Wm G Scott . . .	D Young, M D . .	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1884	*John H Bell . . .	.....	*Rev J M Wellwood	N J Lindsay, M D	*J J Johnson . . .	Wm G Scott . . .	*Wm Simpson . . .	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1885	.....	*Alfred Pearson .	P McGregor . . .	*Thos Collins . . .	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	*J W H Wilson . .	*Rev J M Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson .	Peter McGregor .	*J W H Wilson . .	*J K Brydon . . .	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	Wm G Bell	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark . .	John A Kerr . . .	James A Ovas . .	Wm G Bell	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	Jas S Greig	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark . .	James A Ovas . .	Wm G Bell	R C Brown	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	Joseph Daulei . .	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1889	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara	Wm G Bell . . .	Thos L Morton . .	*Thos McPherson	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	James A Payne . .	Rev Arthur W Goulding
1890	James A Ovas . .	Wm G Bell . . .	*Thos McPher.	Fred L Newman .	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	*R W Woodroffe .	Rev Arthur W Goulding
1891	Wm G Bell	*John W H Wilson	Richard D	John Leslie . . .	John McKechnie .	Wm G Scott . . .	James O Dagg . .	Rev Wm J Garton

1892	*J W H Wilson . . .	†D J Goggin . . .	P G Lewin . . .	Thos Robison . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	Wm A Windatt . . .	Rev Wm J Garton
1893	†D J Goggin . . .	Thos Robison . . .	Thos Tweed . . .	Corbet Locke . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	J H Munson . . .	Rev Wm J Garton
1894	Thomas Tweed . . .	Charles N Bell . . .	Corbet Locke . . .	Hugh U Bain . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	†Rev A W F Cooper	Rev C B Pitblado
1895	Charles N Bell . . .	Corbet Locke . . .	*James Leslie . . .	Geo B Murphy . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	*John Chambers . . .	Rev C B Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke . . .	John Leslie . . .	Fred L Newman . . .	T F English . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	C N Mitchell . . .	Rev J W Matheson
1897	Thomas Robison . . .	Geo B Murphy . . .	Rev Wm J Garton . . .	Wm Crawford . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	J O Smith . . .	Rev A Chisholm
1898	Geo B Murphy . . .	H J Eberts . . .	R S Thornton . . .	W A Windatt . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	Edgar W Rugg . . .	Rev C R Littler
1899	John Leslie . . .	R S Thornton . . .	W A Windatt . . .	*S H Jameson . . .	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott . . .	J A Sutherland . . .	Rev J W Muirhead
1900	R S Thornton . . .	Rev Wm J Garton . . .	Wm Fenwick . . .	R Hill Myers . . .	John McKechnie	James A Ovas . . .	E A Braithwaite . . .	Rev A B Baird
1901	R S Thornton . . .	R Hill Myers . . .	E A Braithwaite . . .	Rev A Chisholm . . .	John McKechnie	James A Ovas . . .	James M Suttie . . .	Rev A B Baird
1902	R Hill Myers . . .	E A Braithwaite . . .	Rev A Chisholm . . .	Geo W Baker . . .	John McKechnie	James A Ovas . . .	Geo H Webster . . .	Rev Geo H Webb
1903	E A Braithwaite . . .	Rev A Chisholm . . .	Wm G Scott . . .	H H Campkin . . .	John McKechnie	James A Ovas . . .	R. P. Crookshank . . .	Rev Geo H Webb

* Dead

† Removed from Jurisdiction

‡ Withdrawn from Masonry

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DEC. 27TH, 1902.

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Rejected	Membership 27th Dec., 1901	Membership 27th Dec., 1902
1	Prince Rupert's	12	8	10	2	2	6	...	...	1	...	218	227
2	Lisgar	2	2	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	59	66
3	Ancient Landmark	4	4	5	4	1	3	...	...	2	3	184	188
4	St. John's	9	11	11	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	148	157
6	Emerson	5	5	4	...	2	4	3	1	...	1	42	42
7	Assiniboine	2	...	...	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	62	65
8	King Solomon	4	5	5	...	1	1	8	...	...	...	52	48
9	Oakland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	46
10	Northern Light	8	9	6	6	...	4	7	...	...	...	98	101
11	Gladstone	1	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	33	33
12	Stonewall	5	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	24	28
13	Belmont	1	...	2	...	1	1	5	...	1	...	67	62
14	Prince of Wales	6	6	5	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	58	64
15	Corinthian	...	3	3	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	34	36
16	Kinistino	11	10	7	...	2	1	3	...	...	4	56	65
19	Brandon	11	9	6	2	3	5	5	...	1	1	105	109
23	Wascana	3	3	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	38	40
24	Neepeawa	11	10	10	7	...	1	...	...	1	2	48	64
25	Ionic	10	8	7	5	1	2	...	...	1	...	104	117
26	Moose Jaw	6	2	1	2	3	3	2	...	1	1	55	57
27	Glenwood	12	10	8	2	3	4	4	...	...	...	45	44
28	Row River	10	10	10	5	3	4	...	...	...	2	117	133
29	Carberry	10	10	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	35	47

30	Manitou	8	6	6	2	3	7	29	36
31	Medicine Hat	4	4	2	1	5	7	62	57
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	5	7	6	1	5		46	34
33	Indian Head	3	3	2	1			27	48
34	Qu'Appelle	5	5	5		1	1	63	31
35	Moosomin	10	5	3		1		62	66
36	Doric	3	3	3	1	4	2	66	70
37	Alberta							11	66
38	Battle (Charter surrendered)	3	2	2	2	5		30	9
39	Birtle	5	4	5	1	2		40	30
40	Deloraine	2	2	2	3	2	1	62	44
41	North Star	6	6	6	1	5	2	41	63
42	Cascade	9	10	9	4	4	1	37	41
43	Lebanon				1	1		27	45
44	Oak Lake	4	2	2	2			37	26
45	Spitzie		2	2				34	42
47	Ashlar		2	2			1	40	33
48	Glenboro	7	6	8	2			32	40
49	Temple					1		31	41
50	Killarney	5	4	2		1	1	32	30
51	Treherne	4	3	2	1	5	3	48	35
52	Hartney	4	4	4	5	1		55	47
53	Edmonton	5	4	2				40	62
54	Oriental	5	4	2		3	2	23	45
55	East Star		2	2				23	20
56	Maple Leaf	1	1	1		1	1	23	22
57	Evening Star	6	9	7		8	3	48	43
58	Innisfail	1	2	4	2	3		30	30
60	Perfection	18	18	22	9		2	109	136
61	North-West Mounted Police	1	1	1		3		33	31
62	Russell							32	29
63	Holland	3	2	2	1	3	3	38	36
64	Composite	1	1	1		1		27	27

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65	Eureka.....	7	5	5	4	..	2	45	33
66	Acacia.....	1	1	31	32
67	Wawanesa.....	2	2	1	3	1	..	23	21
68	Vermillion.....	2	3	2	1	..	1	5	..	1	..	34	30
69	Yorkton.....	1	1	..	33	31
70	Shiloh.....	5	5	5	2	24	27
71	Crystal.....	1	2	3	2	..	1	27	29
72	Duck Lake.....	1	19	20
73	Red Deer.....	8	3	3	3	..	3	36	44
74	Elkhorn.....	4	4	4	1	21	24
75	Gothic.....	5	5	4	2	1	..	21	23
76	Victoria.....	6	5	4	1	17	22
77	Napinka.....	2	6	7	1	..	1	1	1	19	21
78	Jasper.....	9	6	7	1	..	2	31	32
79	Yukon.....	2	12	10	4	..	8	1	64	69
80	Sinaluta.....	7	7	7	18	..	1
81	White Horse.....	10	8	7	25	1	1	..	35
82	Cypress.....	3	3	2	9	12
83	Wetaskiwin.....	3	3	3	10	13
84	Hamiota.....	12	11	7	11	23
		347	326	205	188	30	140	68	1	22	34	3486	3811

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
British Columbia - - - -	R E Brett - - - -	Victoria
Canada (in Ontario) - - - -	Hugh Murray - - - -	Hamilton
Manitoba - - - -	James A Ovas - - - -	Winnipeg
New Brunswick - - - -	J Twining Hartt - - - -	St. John
Nova Scotia - - - -	Thomas Mowbray - - - -	Halifax
Prince Edward Island - - - -	Neil McKelvie - - - -	Summerside
Quebec - - - -	Will H Whyte - - - -	Montreal

GREAT BRITAIN

England - - - -	Edward Letchworth - - - -	London
Ireland - - - -	H T Flavelle, DGS - - - -	Dublin
Scotland - - - -	David Reid - - - -	Edinburgh

UNITED STATES

Alabama - - - -	Geo A Beauchamp - - - -	Montgomery, Mas. Temple
Arizona - - - -	Geo J Roskruge - - - -	Tucson
Arkansas - - - -	Fay Hempstead - - - -	Little Rock
California - - - -	Geo Johnston - - - -	San Francisco, Mas. Temple
Colorado - - - -	Wm D Todd - - - -	Denver
Connecticut - - - -	John H Barlow - - - -	Hartford
Delaware - - - -	Benj F Bertram - - - -	Wilmington
District of Columbia - - - -	Alvine W Johnston - - - -	Washington, Mas. Temple
Florida - - - -	Wilbur P Webster - - - -	Jacksonville
Georgia - - - -	W A Wolihin - - - -	Macon
Idaho - - - -	T W Randall - - - -	Boise
Illinois - - - -	J H C Dill - - - -	Bloomington
Indiana - - - -	Calvin W Prather - - - -	Indianapolis, Mas. Temple
Indian Territory - - - -	J S Murrow - - - -	Atoka, Choctaw Nation
Iowa - - - -	N R Parvin - - - -	Cedar Rapids
Kansas - - - -	Albert K Wilson - - - -	Topeka
Kentucky - - - -	H B Grant - - - -	Louisville, Masonic Temple
Louisiana - - - -	Richard Lambert - - - -	New Orleans, Drawer 81
Maine - - - -	Stephen Berry - - - -	Portland
Maryland - - - -	Jacob H Mediary - - - -	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts - - - -	Sereno D Nickerson - - - -	Boston, Masonic Temple
Michigan - - - -	Lou B Winsor - - - -	Reed City

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OF THE GRAND LODGE SECRETARIES—Continued**

UNITED STATES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Minnesota - - -	Thos Montgomery -	St. Paul
Mississippi - - -	Frederick Speed -	Jackson
Missouri - - -	John D Vincil -	St. Louis
Montana - - -	Cornelius Hedges -	Helena, Masonic Temple
Nebraska - - -	Francis E White -	Plattsmouth
Nevada - - -	C N Noteware -	Carson
New Hampshire -	Frank D Woodbury -	Concord
New Jersey - - -	Thos H R Redway -	Trenton, Masonic Temple
New Mexico - - -	Alpheus A Keen -	Albuquerque
New York - - -	Edward M L Ehlers -	New York, Masonic Temple
North Carolina -	John C Drewry -	Raleigh
North Dakota - -	F J Thompson -	Fargo
Ohio - - -	J H Bromwell -	Cincinnati
Oklahoma - - -	James S Hunt -	Stillwater
Oregon - - -	James F Robinson -	Eugene
Pennsylvania - -	William A Sinn -	Philadelphia, Mas. Temple
Rhode Island - -	S Penrose Williams -	Providence
South Carolina -	Charles Inglesby -	Charleston
South Dakota - -	George A Pettigrew -	Flandreau
Tennessee - - -	John B Garrett -	Nashville
Texas - - -	John Watson -	Houston, Box 5
Utah - - -	Christopher Diehl -	Salt Lake City, Box 5
Vermont - - -	Henry H Ross -	Burlington
Virginia - - -	Geo W Carrington -	Richmond
Washington - - -	Thomas M Reed -	Olympia
West Virginia - -	Geo W Atkinson -	Charleston
Wisconsin - - -	Wm W Perry -	Milwaukee
Wyoming - - -	W L Kuykendall -	Saratoga

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica - - -	Edmond A Osborne -	San Jose
Cuba - - -	Amelio Miranda -	Havana
Egypt - - -	Michel Bey Saleh -	Cairo
New South Wales -	Arthur H Bray -	Sydney
New Zealand - - -	Malcolm Niccol -	Auckland
South Africa - - -	H S Everett -	Cape Town
South Australia - -	Jas H Cunningham -	Adelaide
Western Australia -	J D Stevenson -	Perth
Tasmania - - -	John Hamilton -	Hobart
Victoria - - -	John Braim -	Melbourne

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date of Appointment
British Columbia	Eli Harrison ...	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	Amelius Irving....	Hamilton.	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick..	Donald Munroe ..	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	Geo. W. G. Bonner	Halifax	January 7, 1899
Prince Ed'd Isl'd	Thos. A. McLean..	Charlottetown ..	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte....	Montreal	September 30, 1885

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

England.....	S. G. Kirchhoffer..	London	July 1, 1901
Ireland	Rt. R'd J. B. Crozier	Dublin	October 25, 1898
Scotland.....	William Lindsay ..	Edinburgh.....	April 3, 1903

IN THE UNITED STATES

Alabama	J. W. Carmichael..	Ozard	May 8, 1866
Arizona	R. H. Hethrington	Prescott	April 10, 1901
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado ...	Jethro E. Sanford..	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut ...	David R. Alling ..	New Haven ...	August 18, 1902
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington ...	October 16, 1895
Dis. of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby ..	Washington ...	November 15, 1901
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee ...	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy ...	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart ..	Placerville	June 19, 1879
Illinois	Hugh R. Stewart..	Chicago	September 10, 1901
Indiana	Geo. W. Snyder ..	New Albany ...	April 17, 1903
Indian Territory	William Jas. Oak ..	Goodland	March 18, 1898
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Osage	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles ..	May 1, 1895
Maine	A W Wetherbee ..	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm H Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm T Mitchell....	Port Huron ...	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H C Shepard	St. Paul	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued*IN THE UNITED STATES—*Continued*

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date of Appointment
Mississippi.....	John Wright.....	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri.....	W R Stubblefield..	Salem	January 20, 1899
Montana	Julian M Knight ..	Virginia City....	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Elias W Beghtol ..	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Nevada	Alex O Percy	Gold Hill	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire	Samuel Condon....	Tilton	November 29, 1902
New Jersey	Charles H Styles..	Burlington	November 23, 1894
New Mexico	J J Kelly.....	Silver City....	March 1, 1892
New York.....	Robert Roberts....	New York.....	December 10, 1892
North Carolina..	Samuel H Smith ..	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota ..	Thomas Nisbet....	Grand Forks....	March 15, 1899
Ohio	Rev C G Martin ..	Sandusky	July 31, 1899
Oklahoma	C E Elliott.....	Blackwell	January 13, 1902
Oregon	Wm H Hobson....	Salem.....	January 24, 1899
Rhode Island...	W Lester Hill	Providence	February 4, 1899
South Carolina..	Charles Inglesby..	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota ..	John A Cleaver....	Huron	April 2, 1902
Tennessee	Milton H Price....	De Soto	April 11, 1899
Texas	E J Simpkins	Corsicana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Amerson ..	Salt Lake City..	September 12, 1890
Vermont.....	Elroy B Whittaker	Hinesburg.....	May 20, 1891
Virginia.....	Frank Gilmer	Charlottesville ..	February 8, 1899
Washington	Edward R Hare ..	Tacoma	January 12, 1900
West Virginia ..	James Luke, jr....	New Cumberland	December 10, 1898
Wisconsin	John Gill	Milwaukee.....	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Gustavo Pridalla..	San Jose.....	September 19, 1902
Cuba, Island of .	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
Egypt.....	Michel Bey Saleh..	Cairo.....	July 4, 1902
New South Wales	Elias Robinson....	Sidney.....	November 10, 1893
New Zealand...	Hon Hy Feldwick..	Tuvercargill	December 10, 1892
South Australia..	Jas Magor Symons	Wallaroo.....	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R Kilpatrick.....	Melbourne.....	February 16, 1891
West'n Australia	R T Robinson	Perth	January 7, 1902

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Canada	Rev S P Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James A Carley. . .	Winnipeg	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick..	John McGuirol . . .	Moosomin . . .	April 6, 1899
Nova Scotia . . .	John Wemyss . . .	Neepawa	January 20, 1902
Prince Ed'd Isl'd	John J Jackson....	Winnipeg	June 22, 1899
Quebec	J Thompson Black.	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

England	Thomas Robinson.	Winnipeg	October 15, 1869
Ireland	Wm G Scott.....	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	Wm G Bell.	Winnipeg	August 5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES

Alabama	J S Armitage.....	Minnedosa	December 11, 1902
Arizona	A B Gillis	Whitewood . . .	May 10, 1900
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	January 5, 1899
California	F Leslie Newman..	Portage la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	John R Jones . . .	Winnipeg	May 7, 1900
Connecticut . . .	Geo W Baker . . .	Winnipeg	March 27, 1899
Delaware	Alex J Belch.....	Winnipeg	January 1, 1898
Dis. of Columbia	G S McGregor....	Mekiwin	June 20, 1900
Florida	James D Baine . . .	Boissevain . . .	May 21, 1897
Georgia	Thos L Morton . . .	Gladstone . . .	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John R Grant . . .	Winnipeg	July 15, 1901
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg . . .	January 1, 1889
Indiana	Alex Burns	Brandon	April 28, 1903
Kansas	James A. Ovas . . .	Winnipeg	January 1, 1895
Louisiana	James J White. . .	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Robt S Thornton . .	Deloraine	December 20, 1898
Maryland	D H McFadden . . .	Emerson	January 5, 1899
Michigan	John McKechnie . .	Winnipeg	January 1, 1903
Minnesota	Thos W Taylor. . .	Winnipeg . . .	December 28, 1898
Mississippi	Jas E Maynard . . .	Boissevain	July 19, 1900
Missouri	R P Crookshank . .	Rapid City.....	July 12, 1901
Montana	Herman J Eberts ..	Winnipeg	April 23, 1897
Nebraska	Richard D Foley..	Winnipeg	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued*FROM THE UNITED STATES—*Continued*

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Nevada	E A Struthers	Russell	December 11, 1902
New Hampshire..	Rev A Chisholm ..	MacGregor	December 15, 1902
New Jersey	Wm J Ptolemy....	Winnipeg.....	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo F Newcomb..	Napinka.....	November 5, 1879
New York	John W Harris. .	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina..	William Crawford.	Medicine Hat..	May 5, 1891
North Dakota ..	Lynds S Vaughan.	Selkirk..	January 5, 1899
Ohio	W C Copeland....	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oklahoma	Thomas McNabb..	Lethbridge	January 4, 1902
Oregon	A L Young	Souris.....	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island....	James Geo Dagg..	Selkirk	December 8, 1894
South Carolina..	Wm A Windatt ..	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota..	Herbert H Goulter	Viriden	December 1, 1897
Tennessee	Harry H Campkin.	Indian Head... May	1, 1899
Texas	Henry Jas Pugh ..	Viriden	April 3, 1899
Utah	Geo B Murphy....	Moosomin	May 20, 1897
Vermont.....	Robt F McTavish..	Morris.	May 6, 1903
Virginia	Robt Hill Myers ..	Minnedosa	December 30, 1898
Washington ...	Wm E Hazley	Winnipeg	January 11, 1900
West Virginia...	William Fenwick..	Alexander	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin ..	William Braden. .	Winnipeg	May 22, 1899

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	T Harry Webb ...	Winnipeg	August 23, 1902
Cuba, Island of..	John McQuat ...	Stony Mountain..	April 14, 1901
Egypt ..	John L Campbell..	Melita	January 30, 1903
New South Wales	Daniel H McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1899
New Zealand ...	Thomas Tweed. .	Medicine Hat ..	February 25, 1893
South Australia..	Corbet Locke	Morden	April 2, 1900
Victoria	Francis G Lewin..	Moosomin	February 14, 1894
West'n Australia.	E Nelson Brown. .	Calgary	November 4, 1901

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GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

1893

M. W. GRAND MASTER:

Dr E. A. Featherston, Edmonton, Alta.

M. W. DEPUTY MASTER:

James A. O'Leary, Winnipeg, Man.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M., will be held in the Town of Edmonton, District of Alberta, commencing on the second Wednesday, being the eighth day of June, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5904.

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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the
Masonic Hall, at Macgregor, Province of Manitoba, on
the afternoon of Wednesday, June 24th, A.D. 1903, A.L.
5903, at 1.45 o'clock.

PRESENT :

R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm.....as Grand Master
R.W. " W. Cairns.....as Deputy Grand Master
W. " D. MacLean....as Grand Senior Warden
W. " G. Turner.....as Grand Junior Warden
W. " J. B. Merrick.....as Grand Treasurer
W. " W. G. Pye.....as Grand Secretary
W. " J. Macdonald.....as Grand Chaplain
W. " W. M. Sherriff.....as Grand Senior Deacon
W. " E. Beeman.....as Grand Steward
W. " T. R. Pontonas Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. " W. Cook...as Grand Pursuivant
and a number of Brethren from Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Gothic 75,
and Temple Lodge 49.

GRAND LODGE OPENED

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, acting Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Macgregor Public School.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll and list about to be deposited in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name of and by the Favor of The Great Architect
of Heaven and Earth**

on the

24th Day of June, A.D. 1903, A.E. 5903.

And in the third year of the reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign

EDWARD VII.

King of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF MINTO,
Governor-General of the Dominion of
Canada.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR WILFRID LAURIER,
Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

SIR D. H. McMILLAN,
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

HON. R. P. ROBLIN,
Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

THE MOST REV. ROBERT MACHRAY,
Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

Rev. Prof. Hart, Prof. R. R. Cochrane, John Graham, Daniel McIntyre,
J. D. Hunt, Dr. J. R. Jones, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev.
Bishop Matheson, W. P. Argue, Secretary
Advisory Board.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PROVINCE OF MANITOBA,
Charles Street, Chairman, Frank Orchard,
E. Downton, Secretary-Treasurer.

TRUSTEES OF MACGREGOR SCHOOL, DISTRICT No. 240.
Inspector of North Central Division, T. M. Macguire, Portage la
Prairie; Teachers, A. L. McLean, M. E. Sargent,
A. E. Caverhill.

COUNCIL OF NORTH NORFOLK,
Wm. Cairns, Reeve; E. E. Turner, A. W. Stone, J. Robinson, W.
MacGregor, C. Babb, E. Keeping, Councillors;
T. R. Vardon, Secretary-Treasurer.

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Senior Warden.
 R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, Grand Junior Warden.
 R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.
 M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.
 R.W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank, Grand Registrar.
 R.W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Webb, Grand Chaplain.
 R.W. Bro. W. Cairns, D.D.G.M., for District No. 2.

THE CORNER STONE

of the Macgregor Public School was laid by the Rev. A. Chisholm,
 acting Grand Master of the G.L. of Manitoba,
 A.F. & A.M., according to the rules and
 usages of our Ancient Craft,
 Which may God ever bless and prosper.

CONTENTS OF CASKET

The Holy Bible.
 List of Officers and Members of Temple Lodge No. 49, A.F. & A.M.,
 G.R.M., Macgregor.
 The Manitoba Daily "Free Press" of June 24th, 1903.
 The Morning "Telegram" of June 24th, 1903.
 The "Macgregor Herald" of June 18th, 1903.
 Coins of the Realm, 5 cts., 10 cts., 25 cts. and 50 cts.
 Postage Stamps, 1, 1 cent; 2, 2 cent; 1, 5 cent; 1, 7 cent; 1, 10 cent.
 Manitoba Wheat No. 1 Hard.
 Description of North Norfolk.
 Regulations of the Advisory Board as to Teachers' Certificates.

E. Downton, Esq., on behalf of the Macgregor Public
 School Board, presented the acting Grand Master with a
 handsome Silver Trowel, commemorative of the occasion.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it "WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY."

Appropriate addresses were then delivered by R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, acting Grand Master and other visiting brethren, the procession re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge Room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The proceedings being ended the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* by R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, *acting* Grand Master.



James A. O'Neil

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at Elkhorn, Province of Manitoba, on the afternoon of Thursday, September 10th, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903, at 4 o'clock.

PRESENT :

R.W. Bro.	Rev. Andrew Chisholm	as Grand Master
M.W. "	G. B. Murphy.....	as Deputy Grand Master
V.W. "	Goreham.....	as Grand Senior Warden
W. "	M. W. McKim.....	as General Junior Warden
V.W. "	Henry J. Pugh.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. "	Sidney E. Lang.....	as Grand Secretary
	Rev. W. Robertson.....	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. "	O. Neff	
R.W. "	A. H. Smith.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. "	John Middleton.....	as Grand Tyler

And a large number of Brethren from Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, and Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74.

GRAND LODGE OPENED

The Grand Lodge was opened *in form* by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Deputy Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the purpose of this Special Communication was to lay the Corner Stone of the Elkhorn Methodist Church.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary instructions, the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed under the direction of the acting Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking a suitable position at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing.

The acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll and list about to be deposited in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name of and by the Favor of The Great Architect
of Heaven and Earth**

on the

10th Day of September A.D. 1903, A.E. 5903

And in the third year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign
EDWARD VII.
King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond
the Seas

HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF MINTO
Governor-General of Canada

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR WILFRID LAURIER
Premier of the Dominion of Canada

SIR D. H. McMILLAN
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba

THE HONORABLE R. P. ROBLIN

Premier of the Province of Manitoba

THE REV. R. A. SCARLETT

Pastor in charge of the Methodist Church, Elkhorn

**M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master of Masons' Grand Lodge
of Manitoba**

R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Senior Warden

R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, Grand Junior Warden

R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer

M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary

R.W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank, Grand Registrar

R.W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Webb, Grand Chaplain

THE CORNER STONE

**Of the Methodist Church, Elkhorn, was laid by R.W. Bro. Rev. A.
Chisholm, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba**

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of the

Trustees of the Elkhorn Methodist Church,

According to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft,

Which may God ever bless and prosper.

**Contents of box placed in corner stone of Elkhorn
Methodist Church:**

A copy of the "Elkhorn Advocate" of current date

Current Canadian Coins

A package of Manitoba Hard Wheat

**W. Bro. McKim on behalf of Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74,
A.F. and A.M., presented the acting Grand Master with a
handsome silver trowel, commemorative of the occasion.**

**The stone having been placed in position, the Grand
Wardens and Deputy Grand Master applied the implements
of their offices to the stone and announced that the craftsmen
had done their duty.**

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the Corner Stone with Corn, Wine and Oil, and pronounced it "WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY."

The acting Director of Ceremonies then made proclamation in the name of the M.W. Grand Lodge that the Corner Stone of the structure to be erected had been proved square, level and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Appropriate addresses were then delivered by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, acting Grand Master, and V.W. Bro. O. Neff, Grand Steward.

The acting Grand Chaplain having pronounced the benediction, the procession reformed and the brethren returned to the lodge room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The proceedings being ended the Grand Lodge was closed *in form* by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, acting Grand Master.



James A. Ows.

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Hall, at the Town of Edmonton, District of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 18th, A.L. 5904, A.D. 1904

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Edmonton	.....Grand Master
R.W. " Rev. A. Clisholm (49), Macgregor	... Deputy Grand Master
R.W. " Wm. G. Scott (1), Winnipeg	.....Grand Senior Warden
R.W. " H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head	.....Grand Junior Warden
R.W. " E. T. Greenway (71), Crystal City	.....D.D.G.M.
R.W. " Geo. Macdonald (28), Calgary	.....D.D.G.M.
R.W. " John Dixon (56), Maple Creek	.....D.D.G.M.
R.W. " D. S. McKenzie (66), Strathcona	.....D.D.G.M.
R.W. " John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg	.....Grand Treasurer
M.W. " James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg	.....Grand Secretary
R.W. " Rev. Geo. H. Webb (66), Strathcona	... Grand Chaplain
V.W. " James Scroggie (10), Winnipeg	.....as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. " Geo. T. Bragg (53), Edmonton	.....Grand Junior Deacon

R.W. Bro.	H. C. Taylor (53), Edmonton, as Grand Director of Ceremonies	
W. "	E. D. H. Wilkins (83), Wetaskiwin	as Grand Organist
V.W. "	J. J. Jackson (1), Winnipeg	as Grand Steward
V.W. "	J. A. McDonald (32), Fort Qu'Appelle	Grand Steward
V.W. "	F. R. Exham (28), Calgary	Grand Steward
V.W. "	V. E. Casselman (54), Napiinka	as Grand Steward
W. "	B. McDermott (52), Hartney	as Grand Steward
V.W. "	H. J. Pugh (43), Virden	as Grand Steward
V.W. "	J. R. Hallam (37), Macleod	Grand Steward
R.W. "	Geo. W. Baker (10), Winnipeg	Grand Pursuivant
W. "	John Mann (53), Edmonton	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.W. Bro.	R. Hill Myers (14)	Past Grand Master
M.W. "	James A. Ovas (27)	" "
M.W. "	Thomas Tweed (31)	" "
M.W. "	R. S. Thornton (40)	" "
R.W. "	Wm. G. Scott (1)	Past Deputy Grand Master
R.W. "	T. F. English (53)	Past Grand Senior Warden
R.W. "	Geo. W. Baker (10)	" Junior "
R.W. "	J. Obed Smith (1)	Past Grand Registrar
R.W. "	W. C. Copeland (25)	Past D. D. G. Master
R.W. "	F. S. Proctor (32)	" "
R.W. "	J. J. White (25)	" "
R.W. "	H. C. Taylor (53)	" "
R.W. "	F. F. Higgs (60)	" "
R.W. "	M. J. Macleod (65)	" "
R.W. "	R. A. Cowan (79)	" "
R.W. "	D. W. McDermid (1)	" "
R.W. "	Thos. McNabb (41)	" "
R.W. "	O. E. S. Whiteside (42)	" "

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES.

British Columbia	R.W. "	James Scroggie	Winnipeg
Connecticut	R.W. "	Geo. W. Baker	Winnipeg
Costa Rica	R.W. "	T. Harry Webb	Winnipeg
Ireland	R.W. "	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg

Kansas	M.W.	Bro. James A. Ovas ..	Winnipeg
Louisiana	R.W.	" J. J. White.....	Winnipeg
Maine	M.W.	" R. S. Thornton	Deloraine
Michigan	R.W.	" John McKechnie.....	Winnipeg
New Hampshire	M.W.	" Rev. A. Chisholm	Macgregor
New Zealand	M.W.	" Thomas Tweed.....	Medicine Hat
Ohio	R.W.	" W. C. Copeland.....	Winnipeg
Oklahoma	R.W.	" Thos. McNabb.....	Lethbridge
Prince Edward Island.....	V.W.	" J. J. Jackson	Winnipeg
Tennessee	R.W.	" H. H. Campkin	Indian Head
Texas	V.W.	" H. J. Pugh	Virdeu
Virginia	M.W.	" R. Hill Myers.....	Winnipeg

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS

R.W.	Bro. John McKechnie (1)
R.W.	" Wm. G. Scott (1)
R.W.	" D. W. McDermid (1)
R.W.	" T. Harry Webb (1)
R.W.	" J. Obed Smith (1)
V.W.	" J. J. Jackson (1)
W.	" A. W. R. Markley (3)
W.	" H. R. Barrett (4)
R.W.	" Geo. W. Baker (10)
R.W.	" James Scroggie (10)
M.W.	" R. Hill Myers (14)
R.W.	" E. O. Denison (14)
R.W.	" J. J. White (25)
R.W.	" W. C. Copeland (25)
M.W.	" James A. Ovas (27)
V.W.	" F. R. Exham (28)
W.	" A. Mack (29)
M.W.	" Thomas Tweed (31)
R.W.	" F. S. Proctor (32)
R.W.	" H. H. Campkin (33)
M.W.	" R. S. Thornton (40)
R.W.	" Thos. McNabb (41)
R.W.	" O. E. S. Whiteside (42)
V.W.	" H. J. Pugh (43)
M.W.	" A. Chisholm (49)

W.	Bro. B. McDermott (52)
M.W.	" E. A. Braithwaite (53)
W.	" K. D. MacKenzie (53)
V.W.	" Geo. T. Bragg (53)
W.	" C. W. Sutter (53)
R.W.	" H. C. Taylor (53)
W.	" R. R. Ferguson (53)
R.W.	" John Dixon (56)
W.	" John A. Simpson (57)
W.	" H. M. Douglass (57)
W.	" C. Marker (60)
R.W.	" F. F. Higgs (60)
W.	" R. Belcher (61)
W.	" John Wells (63)
R.W.	" M. J. Macleod (65)
W.	" W. F. Puffer (65)
W.	" W. E. Ross (66)
W.	" Geo. M. Montgomery (66)
W.	" A. C. Rutherford (66)
R.W.	" E. F. Greenway (71)
W.	" F. T. Bennett (76)
R.W.	" J. J. Dunlop (78)
R.W.	" R. A. Cowan (79)
W.	" E. D. H. Wilkins (83)

OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Webb (66), Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of R.W. Bro. E. O. Denison (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-eighth Annual Communication held at the City of Winnipeg on the 10th and 11th days of June, 1903, and of the two previous Special Communications, were taken as read, and confirmed.

His Worship Mayor Short, accompanied by Geo. J. Kinnaird, Esq., Town Clerk, were announced, introduced and read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Secretary-Treasurer's Office,

Edmonton, Alta., June 9th, 1904.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and

Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonton take great pleasure in welcoming you to Edmonton, not only as representatives of Masonry, but also as representatives of every honorable station in life, and of every laudable enterprise which is working for the welfare of our common land.

We are honored in that you have chosen our town as your place of meeting at this time, lying as it does somewhat apart from the ordinary avenues of transportation.

We trust that you will have a pleasant visit here, and we wish you every success in your appointed duties.

Signed on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

WM. SHORT,
Mayor.

GEO. J. KINNAIRD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, then read his annual address as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

With profound gratitude to the Giver of all good for the privilege of meeting again around our secret altar, I greet you most affectionately and offer you a hearty welcome to the Northern City of Edmonton, in which you are called to labor in the interests of our beloved order, in this, our twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Another mile post in our Masonic History has been reached, and it is well that we should on these occasions pause to consider how constant and how beneficent has been the care bestowed by Him whose fatherly love has guided the craft in all ages. The year has silently but swiftly sped away into the shadow of the past. It has witnessed changes in all conditions, and also has brought sorrows which time itself will scarce allow us to forget. It has brought abundant evidence of progress to this bright and growing Western land, and in the course of the year our order has gladly joined in keeping pace, and we find ourselves in growing prosperity. Not alone in numbers do we now rejoice, but also in the fact that the principles for which our order stands have found and are finding daily expression in the lives and in the character of our members. These principles teach unselfishness, stand for strength of character, and produce uprightness in life and conduct, making us better men and inspiring only towards the good. To be selfish is to be uncharitable, and to be uncharitable is to be un-Masonic. To the selfish man Masonry is but a school of dreary ethics where for the time being he may be pleased with ritual and allegory which may strongly appeal to his sense of the beautiful, but the lesson and the thought he can never learn inasmuch as charity is the fruit of unselfishness, and the head and the heart must unite to learn and to practise the living truths for which our order stands. Together we now meet with heart-searching thought, let us take our observation with care, and determine where we stand and decide upon our future course, and in the deliber-

ations of this important occasion may we seek the guidance of Him in whom we trust. As we meet on this glad occasion we cannot forget that in the midst of our joys the pangs of sorrows have been felt, and we have been called to "mourn with those who mourn" over the departure of a number of our brethren. The hand of "icy death" has touched where but a short year ago was health and hope, and now we call again from the shadows the names of those in the report to be submitted to you of Fraternal Dead.

OFFICIAL VISITS

In the course of my duty I made district visits at Calgary, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Deloraine, Birtle, Brandon, Medicine Hat, Regina and Neepawa, Lodges of Instruction being held. In my own District, No. 12, I have visited each of the five lodges. I was unable to attend the District Meeting at Holland. The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother A. Chisholm, was good enough to take this duty for me. I appreciated most thoroughly the reception I received at each place. To state where I was most hospitably treated would be to name them all. As your Grand Master I was treated royally; as a Mason I can only say I was treated absolutely fraternally. I desire to thank each and all of my brethren for their kindness and help to me during my term of office. In the Grand Secretary's report you will find the dispensations, new lodges, appointments, etc. *Re non-affiliates*: It is my duty to repeat what my predecessors have done to impress on all members of the craft, their duty to induce such to affiliate at once.

The path of progress in this Western Jurisdiction has been strewn with abundant evidences of rare wisdom applied in the Councils of the past, of the active thought of worthy brethren who lived to bestow their best for others, and of the record of those who died, their memories revered for the good that was theirs, and for the uplifting influence of their lives. Material progress has been the unvarying record of this Grand Lodge, but happily not alone, nor the chief cause for rejoicing; all these, however, have been an inspiration from year to year, inspiring as they have to better effort and to greater joy. Are we better, truer, more self sacrificing men? More ready to believe and acknowledge the wise dispensation of Divine Providence, to follow only the path that leads to eternal happiness, and while we live not to lend, but to give brotherly Love and Relief and to live the Truth itself.

What of the future? Who can tell. We see the vast Territory of this Jurisdiction sought with eager eyes to-day by thousands, from every

part of the world. Into this part of the Empire, comes the heavy tread of the multitude seeking new homes and brighter lives,—where but a few years ago the vast prairie was all but uninhabited. We find with every rising sun fresh evidence of settlement and of growth; mercantile and financial interests are striving to keep pace with the heavy demand, and the material as well as the spiritual forces in our beloved West are taxed to the utmost of their endeavor. What shall Masonry do for the betterment of the West in this, its magnificent opportunity? Shall not the influence of the members of our Order be for the everlasting good, till thousands rise with one accord to sing its praises? May this thought so encourage, not only the deliberations of this auspicious gathering, but as well the heart of every individual member within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; that new life with thought and action so bestowed may spring forth with such enthusiasm that the greatest good may be done and the glory be ascribed by us all to the great Architect of the Universe, into whose hands we now commit the deliberations of this Grand Lodge.

I wish to suggest that all members of the fraternity should, at the meeting of Grand Lodge, District Lodges, Installations, or any particular function in their lodge, wear the insignia of their present or past rank.

That after the third degree has been conferred, the examination shall be held in this as in the first and second degrees, and that the new member must also be examined and work his way into lodge as if he were an utter stranger.

Further, as we have no Grand Lecturer, I consider it the duty of Past Masters, who have had the honor of the chairs, to offer guidance and instruction to the brethren on every suitable occasion by short lectures on Masonic subjects. This suggestion I made during my official visits (I am glad to see at Prince Albert that the suggestion has been followed).

Brethren, I cannot close without taking the opportunity of offering my heartfelt thanks for the high honor bestowed on me in electing me as your Grand Master, and if, in the performance of my duty I have lent aid to the welfare of the Craft, that is sufficient reward. The labors of the office have been abundantly rewarded in the enlarged visions I have gained as to the meaning of Masonry and its influence for good over its members.

To the Officers of Grand Lodge, to Individual Members and most especially to M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, I desire to pay my tribute for many kindnesses received during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,
Grand Master.

On motion of M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, (40) seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. White, (25) the M. W. the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

DEDICATION.

By request of Edmonton Lodge No. 53, the M. W. Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, dedicated their new lodge room. The building and lands on which it stands is the property of the lodge, the rooms are commodious, beautifully furnished and fitted up for Masonic purposes. The brethren of Edmonton Lodge No. 53, are to be congratulated upon their public spirit.

PRESENTATION TO M. W. BRO. R. HILL MYERS.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar.

In presenting the testimonial M. W. Bro. Thornton spoke in his usual happy manner, and in well-chosen words.

The response of M. W. Bro. Myers was a gem ; it came from the heart, expressing tenderest feelings, his love for and his devotion to the teachings and principles of Masonry.

PRESENTATION TO R. W. BRO. J. J. DUNLOP.

R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland, on behalf of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, presented R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop with a beautiful diamond studded bar, for his Past Master's Jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of his mother lodge.

R. W. Bro. Dunlop replied in fitting terms, and expressed the pleasure it would afford him to wear the precious gem, closing with the request that R. W. Bro. Copeland would convey to the members of Ionic Lodge his sincere thanks for this additional evidence of their good will and warm friendship.

REPORTS OF
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Winnipeg, June 4th, 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, I beg leave to submit the following Report :

PRINCE RUPERT LODGE, No. 1

I visited this lodge in November at its regular meeting, and took charge of same during the election of officers. You will see by Report that this is the largest lodge in the jurisdiction. Its composition is the finest in the West. It is not only No. 1 on the roll, but leads in everything that stands for Masonry.

LISGAR LODGE, No. 2

I visited this lodge at West Selkirk in April, accompanied by M.W. Bro. Ovas and R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker. This lodge is composed of good enthusiastic Masons. The 2nd Degree was conferred in a very able manner, and Bro. Ovas read a Masonic paper which was much appreciated by the brethren.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 3

This being my own lodge I visited them regularly, and also paid two official visits, one at their election in December, and their installation on December 27th. The work of this lodge is good, and the membership increasing.

ST JOHN'S LODGE, No. 4

I visited this lodge twice, once at their election, and also conducted their installation. There is nothing slow about this lodge, their officers are young and enthusiastic, and vie with each other to do the best work.

EMERSON LODGE, No. 6

I visited this lodge on November 20th, 1903, accompanied by R.W. Bro. McFadden. I was given a hearty reception and a patient hearing. I was very much impressed with the good will and harmony that prevails among the brethren.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 8

I visited this lodge in March at its regular meeting. The First Degree was conferred by the regular officers, and was well given. I was well entertained at Morris, and it is only necessary to mention the names of R.W. Bros. M. Lawrie and Dr. McTavish as two of the entertainers, the brethren will then know what a nice time we had.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 10

I visited this lodge twice in December at their election and conducted their installation.

STONEWALL LODGE, No. 12

I started out with V.W. Bro. Scroggie, W. Bro. Cockman, W. Bro. E. M. Walker and Bro. Woodward to visit Stonewall Lodge at their regular meeting in April. But the railroad we were travelling by had unfortunately placed a few cars of stone across our path, necessitating a delay of several hours, so we were forced to return very much disappointed. We were sorry for the railroad.

IONIC LODGE, No. 25

I visited this lodge twice in December, and conducted their election and installation.

EAST STAR LODGE, No. 55

I visited this lodge on 27th of April at their regular meeting. I was surprised, on visiting the Worshipful Master, to find that he had not attended any of the lodge meetings, and also, that he would not have

anything to do with the lodge. I conversed with him on this matter and find that he is acting according to his conscience and belief. I visited the lodge and found the I.P.M. W. Bro. Otto Ritz in the chair. I was given a cordial reception, witnessed the First Degree given beautifully by the I.P.M. to four candidates. I had the lodge enter in the minutes the letter of resignation from the Worshipful Master, and had them pass a motion that the I.P.M. W. Bro. Ritz assume the duties of Master during the absence of W. Bro. Schultz. The brethren seemed relieved to have this affair disposed of so harmoniously. I could not see anything in the conduct of the members to give W. Bro. Schultz any alarm, nevertheless, I believe he is acting up to his convictions in what he has done. The district around Gretna is not the best for a Masonic Lodge, and it will always be quite a difficulty to keep a healthy lodge going at that point.

In summing up my report I would draw your attention to the large increase in membership, especially in the city lodges, also to the splendid financial standing of these lodges. You will also note that in the whole ten lodges we have only 5 suspensions, 25 demitted, 17 deaths, a total of 47 losses, against an increase of 135. You will also note that the amount of money expended for Masonic relief is small and insignificant in comparison with the assets. In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me D.D.G.M., and also for their kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office.

Faternally submitted,

J. MALCOLM SUTTIE, D.D.G.M.

First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

Macgregor, May 13th, 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District. I have the honor to report upon the condition and progress of Masonry in the district.

CARBERRY LODGE, No. 29

On the evening of the sixth of September, accompanied by the D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, I visited this lodge. Although only very short notice had been given there was a fairly good attendance, the night was very wet and in the busy season, so that many who would otherwise have been there were not in attendance.

The Third Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by R. W. Bro. Ireland.

Again on the 29th of March, I visited this lodge accompanied by the same distinguished Brother. W. Bro. Balfour conferred the First Degree; the work throughout was well done.

This lodge is in a prosperous condition, constantly receiving new members, and enjoys the pleasure of meeting in its own temple.

GOTHIC LODGE, No. 75

I dropped in unexpectedly on the members of this lodge on October 12th. There was a good attendance. R. W. Bro. Speed conferred the Second Degree in his usual up-to-date manner.

On November 9th, I visited this lodge officially when the Second and Third Degrees were conferred, R. W. Bro. Speed in the chair. The work was well done.

This lodge though not numerically strong is steadily growing and is fortunate in the quality of accessions. The books are well kept and all the officers perform their respective duties well.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE, No. 7

This is the oldest and strongest lodge in the district, but the most poorly attended of any. I visited this lodge on the 18th of November. There was no Degree presented. The routine work of the lodge was well done.

The busy season had, no doubt, something to do with the small attendance. I regret that so many of the Past Masters were conspicuous by their absence.

VERMILLION LODGE, No. 68

On the 1st December I visited this lodge and found twenty-five members present, all apparently enthusiastic Masons, some of them driving a long distance in order to be present.

There was no degree work, as this was the meeting at which the election of officers took place. Everything was systematically attended to under the guidance of R. W. Bro. Brown.

After the labors of the evening were ended, there was a very fine banquet in one of the leading hotels in the town. Ample justice was done to the good things and several short speeches were delivered.

This lodge is rising pheonix like from its ashes, and bids fair to be of great value to the District. It has abundance of material and a fine country to back it.

NEEPAWA LODGE, No. 24

I visited this Lodge on the 2nd December. The brethren were disappointed that they were compelled to meet in their old lodge room, the furniture of their new hall not having arrived.

The night was stormy, yet thirty good and true Masons welcomed their D. D. The Second Degree was conferred by W. Bro. McIntosh. The election of officers passed off in harmony ; every officer was elected on the first ballot.

I found this lodge to be what I consider the banner lodge of the district.

R. W. Bro. Wemyss, the Secretary of the Lodge, keeps everything in first-class shape ; he succeeds so well that very few brethren are in arrears.

GLADSTONE LODGE, No. 11

February 1st was one of the stormiest evenings of last winter. Like all the brethren from a distance I suffered from the cold when on that day I visited officially this lodge, but the warm reception tendered me more than compensated for the cold.

This being my mother lodge my reception was probably the more touching in that respect, although only three of my twenty year ago brethren were present. The younger brethren appeared as anxious as the older ones to interest me.

Three brothers were passed another step in Masonry, in the first-class work usual to this lodge.

The books are carefully kept by W. Bro. John Ferguson, who, as the Master of the Lodge had the honor to introduce your D. D. to Masonic light.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 49

As this is my own lodge I was present at every meeting of the season, twice officially. This lodge continues to grow and prosper. While there is no sign of a rush, it is well guided by older hands, such as R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. McLean, all proficient in their work.

Bro. F. M. Berry still swings the quill, and all matters Masonic are well attended to.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Acting under instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, I convened a Lodge of Instruction in Neepawa on February 26th. A right hearty reception awaited us there by the brethren in their new lodge room.

The M.W. Grand Master Bro. Braithwaite was present.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, exemplified the First Degree. Gothic Lodge, No. 75, exemplified the Third or Sublime Degree. The work was well done.

The M. W. Grand Master conferred the P. M. Degree on two brethren.

A grand banquet was provided by the brethren of Neepawa. Over 80 brethren partook of their hospitality, Mine Host being Bro. Hazleton of the Richardson House.

The M.W. Grand Master addressed the brethren, dealing principally with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, and gave some sound advice on Masonry in general.

The Lodge of Instruction was a great success and very instructive and profitable to those who were present.

Neepawa Lodge received a hearty vote of thanks for its hospitality during the session.

In conclusion I beg to say I have received the kindest consideration from the different lodges. I find all in a very thrifty and prosperous condition. Harmony prevails. I take this opportunity to thank them for having honored me with the position of D.D.G.M. and for the promptness of the officials.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM CAIRNS, D.D.G.M.,
Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Treherne, May 31st, 1904.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

As D.D.G.M. of the Third Masonic District I beg to submit the following Report :

I have visited officially the following lodges :—Oakland, No. 9; Treherne, No. 51; Holland, No. 63; Wawanessa, No. 67; Shiloh, No. 70; Cypress, No. 82; and Rathwell, U.D. I was unable to get a meeting at Glenboro, No. 48.

OAKLAND LODGE, No. 9

I visited this lodge on April 26th. I am glad to say this lodge is in a very healthy condition; there were a large number of members present, the W.M. exemplified the Third Degree. The Books are kept right and everything seems to be satisfactory.

TREHERNE LODGE, No. 51

I visited this lodge officially, April 22nd, their regular meeting. I am a member of this lodge and attend the meetings regularly. Everything is done as it should be; the officers are fairly well up in their work; the books are well kept, and I feel certain this lodge will continue to do well. I feel it would not be fair if I did not make reference to the expense the Treherne brethren have gone to, and the taste displayed in fitting up their new lodge room. The members should feel proud of their hall.

HOLLAND LODGE, No. 63

I visited this lodge at its regular meeting on March 30th. The officers are fairly well up in their work. Two brethren received the Fellow-Craft Degree and one the Third Degree. They lack the enthusiasm which once prevailed in this lodge.

WAWANESSA LODGE, No. 67

I visited this lodge at its regular meeting, April 25th. R. W. Bro. J. K. Robson accompanied me and gave me valuable assistance. There was a good attendance of the brethren although the roads were bad and

many of its members live in the country. This lodge has been inconvenienced by their Secretary, the Rev. Bro. Summerscales, having removed from Wawanessa, but I am glad to know that the office has been filled by Bro. McVicar. Two brothers were initiated and one was passed to the Fellow-Craft Degree, the work quite satisfactory.

SHILOH LODGE, No. 70

I visited this lodge on its regular meeting, April 28th, and found everything as it should be. Three brothers received the Third Degree. I am pleased to say I consider the work of this lodge above the average. I have no fear for Shiloh Lodge.

CYPRESS LODGE, No. 82

On their regular meeting, March 31st, I visited this lodge. This is the youngest Chartered Lodge in the district. I saw the Third Degree exemplified. The work done by the officers of this lodge is the best in the whole district. Their lodge room is comfortable and neat. This lodge is a credit to the district.

RATHWELL LODGE, U.D.

I have had great pleasure in visiting this lodge several times since it has been instituted, but I visited officially on May 24th. W. Bro. J. Golly of Treherne accompanied me. This lodge has a membership of seventeen. The officers are well up in their work, and the dues are all paid up. I would recommend that this lodge get its charter.

MEDLOTHIAN LODGE, U.D.

On March 17th I instituted a lodge under instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master. There were a number of brethren present from Carman, Roland, Morris and Morden. This new lodge starts out with a good large membership. The officers are well up in their work and judging from the brethren holding office, I predict a great future for this lodge. I trust it may continue as I expect.

In conclusion I may say that the Third Masonic District is in a very healthy condition. This I think is largely due to the Secretaries of the different lodges. They are, without exception, good men who have a deep interest in Masonry.

And finally, I beg to thank the brethren for the kind hospitality I have received throughout the whole of my district, and also to M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, for his kindness in answering all my questions.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. COULTER, D.D.G.M.,
Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Crystal City, Man., May 15th, 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

I have the honor to submit the following report, as District Deputy Grand Master, for the Fourth Masonic District.

On account of the very stormy weather which continued most of the winter, after the new year, and a consequent delay to mails and trains, I experienced considerable difficulty, not only in arranging dates for my visits to the several lodges, but in being able to reach my destination at the appointed time.

I had the pleasure of attending meetings of all the lodges, with the exception of Belmont, No. 13, located at Morden, and Amity, U.D., at Carnduff. The former place was reached just a few hours before the memorable storm of March 24th, and although a number of the brethren turned out, I was unable to find the lodge-room. "Belmont" is the oldest lodge in the district, and although in a fair financial condition, has been passing through a period of depression, having suffered to an extent by a number of good members moving from town, and a number of country members joining a new lodge lately instituted at Miami. The membership is still large, however, and under the present officers the lodge appears to be reviving interest.

Owing to a wash-out on the railway, I was obliged to cancel Carnduff meeting on April 13th. As this lodge is the baby of District No. 4, I was much disappointed at this, but from the report received I find that an increase of over 40 per cent. has been made in membership, that

seventeen meetings have been held in the year, and that the prospects for a good lodge are of the brightest. I have pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted them.

Having had to call a number of emergent meetings, I did not ask for the work to be done in all the lodges, but I find that it can be done, and well done, in most instances. Deserving of special mention in this regard are Napinka, No. 77; Deloraine, No. 40; Doric, No. 36, at Boissevain, and Manitou, No. 30.

Doric Lodge, the largest in the district, also enjoys the distinction of owning the building in which they meet. It is a fine place and a credit to the fraternity. I think it is important in many respects, that each lodge should put themselves in the same position as soon as the finances can be properly managed.

In examining the books it occurred to me almost deplorable that many lodges carry so much in arrearages for dues, and I am convinced that this manifests the principal demand, of many, for a capable efficient Secretary, whose office in these growing lodges is an increasingly important one. He should be paid a salary, more than a pittance, that would enable him to devote a little time to personal work. This appears in most cases to be an actual necessity, and I feel sure that money spent in this direction would be a good investment, particularly in the matter of handling delinquents.

Deloraine, No. 40, stands as a peer in this respect, and is to be congratulated on being, strictly speaking, the healthiest lodge in District, No. 4.

I have endeavored to impress upon all brethren the importance of attending Lodges of Instruction, where I think much good is derived. This annual meeting held in Deloraine on February 23rd, was in point of attendance not all that could be desired, but here again the weather was responsible. Enthusiasm was present, however, and the addresses of M. W. Bro. Braithwaite, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Thornton, P. G. M., were listened to with a great deal of interest and profit. The presence of the Grand Master, after travelling over a thousand miles, was an inspiration to the zeal of all the brethren. After the meeting about 35 Masons accompanied by ladies partook of a most excellent repast, and every one left feeling that Deloraine brethren have no equal as entertainers.

It affords me the greatest pleasure to report that the general condition of Freemasonry is gratifying indeed, and that true Masonic spirit

prevails everywhere. In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me, and to express my appreciation of the kindnesses shown on every hand.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. GREENWAY, D.D.G.M.,
Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Barnardo, Man., May 31st., 1904

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, I have much pleasure in submitting the following report of my official acts and observations within my district during the Masonic year just closed.

Owing to a combination of unfortunate circumstances, serious illness in my family, coupled with persistent snow blockades, I was prevented from carrying out a prepared programme of visits to the Lodges in my district, and it was not until May that I was enabled to reach Yorkton and Minnedosa, Rapid City, I am sorry to say, having to be left out of my itinerary.

HAMIOTA LODGE, NO. 84

My first official act under the special commission placed in my hands on July 6, was the constituting of Hamiota Lodge, No. 84, and the delivery of their charter, as well as the installation of the lodge officers; after the conclusion of this ceremony, R. W. Bro. Gilbert Rowan, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6, took up the gavel and presided in the conferring of degrees upon candidates for advancement in his usual craftsmanlike manner. This lodge, although young, is very active and should, under the supervision of its present enthusiastic and painstaking officers, attain a good place in the district.

YORKTON LODGE, No. 69

I was not able to visit this lodge until their May meeting, and found the brethren very much occupied with the question of building a home of their own, as the block in which their hall is located, is likely to be remodelled and the space occupied by the owners, the Hudson's Bay Company, in the near future. The officers and members of this lodge appear to be wide-awake and earnest in their efforts to advance the interests of their organization, their books are well kept and their financial standing is reported as satisfactory.

RUSSELL LODGE, No. 62

I visited this lodge on April 27th, and was present during the conferring of the Sublime Degree, the work being supervised by P.M. Bro. George Murray Shaw. The books of this lodge, through the neglect and carelessness of previous secretaries, are not in first-class shape; but I feel certain that in the hands of the present incumbent, R.W. Bro. Alexander McDonagh, P.D.D.G.M., the records will be improved and the affairs of the lodge brought into more regular form. As will be noted in the Statistical Report attached, the lodge made some numerical advancement during the past Masonic year and under the supervision of its present experienced Worshipful Master, should not only build up materially, but regain its record for degree and general work in the future.

BIRTLE LODGE, No. 39

I had the pleasure of visiting Birtle Lodge on the night of one of their regular meetings, November 9th, and brought away with me happy remembrances of a pleasant and profitable evening.

This lodge is well officered and in the secretary, Past D.D.G.M. Peter Duncan, the society has an earnest, painstaking workman whose books are well kept and up-to-date.

The financial affairs of the lodge are in excellent shape, and there has been a reasonable addition to the numbers during the year.

CORINTHIAN (RAPID CITY) No. 15 .

I am sorry to have to confess my inability to visit this Lodge; but reports which have come to me through other visitors, as well as the report of the Secretary, satisfy me as District Deputy that this Lodge is keeping up its reputation for efficient officers and creditable work. Appreciable additions to its structure have been made during the year; and its financial records appear most satisfactory.

PRINCE OF WALES (Minnedosa) No. 14

The above mentioned Lodge still holds the record it should, as the Senior of the Fifth Masonic District. Owning its Lodge Room as do Birtle and Rapid City, its finances are in excellent shape, the officers happy in their positions, and the members contented and proud of their Lodge.

I had the pleasure of visiting "Prince of Wales" on the night of the regular May meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the ritualistic work which was carried through. The Lodge at Minnedosa has suffered numerous losses during the past decade through skilled brethren leaving the district; but it is evident that the members who remain, do not intend to lose the reputation which they have as an organization so well merited for many years. The books are in expert hands and kept up to date.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

The Lodge of Instruction which you were good enough to hold at Birtle on February 25th, was much appreciated by the brethren fortunate enough to be in attendance, and many expressions of regret have been tendered your representative, that circumstances did not permit of your holding similar meetings under the auspices of other Lodges in the district.

It is pleasing to note another sign that Masonry is not going back or being forgotten in this part of your extensive jurisdiction, to wit, the petition of the requisite number of Master Masons, that a dispensation issue for the formation of a Lodge at Shoal Lake, Manitoba. I have already had the pleasure of formally approving of this petition, and I would now beg to place on record my belief that in the flourishing town of Shoal Lake a Masonic Lodge could do good work and become a credit to the Craft.

Faternally submitted,

EDMUND A. STRUTHERS, D.D.G.M.

Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Miniota, May 21st, 1904.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

I herewith forward report of my work as D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

Owing to the trains being blocked with snow, the lateness of the spring and later on the high water, I have not been able to complete my work, but intend to finish it and visit the rest of the lodges in my district as soon as the water goes down.

I can only send report of those lodges I have visited.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, I found active and in splendid working order. The officers are all efficient, and, under the guidance of W. Bro. McKim, W.M., Elkhorn is prospering.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, at Virden, I found in first-class shape. W. Bro. Menlove, W.M., has the confidence of all the brethren, they look to him for instruction and guidance, and he is able and willing to afford it. W. Bro. Pugh in the west, and Bro. Jas. Mitchell in the south are both able and willing assistants to the W.M.

At Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, there is a lot of jolly good fellows. The W.M. is competent and well skilled. The Secretary, Bro. Thompson, is a painstaking officer, and I expect to see Oak Lake well to the front where it belongs. Bro. Wallace in the west is the right kind of a Mason to assist in making Oak Lake a strong lodge. It is the only lodge I had the pleasure of visiting where they owned the hall they met in.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19, is doing well. The W.M. there has the happy faculty of keeping the brethren employed, and the past masters, of which there are a good number, seem to not be falling in disuse, as the W.M. assigned them each his portion of work, which they performed with credit to themselves and to Brandon Lodge, of which I have had due notice of each meeting.

Bro. Thos. Young of Alexander, Secretary of Composite Lodge, No. 64, has sent me a notice of each regular and emergent communication,

and he is also one of the four Secretaries that sent the D.D.G.M. the annual report of the condition of his lodge and the state of the work. A tribute of recognition at least, should be given to such efficient work.

A Secretary should study the constitution and his instruction, in order that every brother shall have his just dues, and that the lodge of which he is a member shall have its just dues.

A painstaking Secretary who will make himself acquainted with the constitution and act according to the instructions is a great source of strength to the lodge and to Masonry in general.

Fraternally submitted,

GILBERT ROWAN, D.D.G.M.
Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Prince Albert, May 14, 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

SIR,—

As D. D. G. M. for the 7th Masonic District, I now have the honor to make my report. As you are aware the District only includes two chartered lodges and one under dispensation. Following instructions, and accompanied by R. W. Bros. Carol and McLellan, W. Bro. Will and several members of Kinistino Lodge, I made an official visit to Saskatoon on February 24 last, and that evening Saskatchewan Lodge, under dispensation, was instituted. Several lectures, re the responsibilities, being by them assumed, were listened to with what appeared to me considerable interest, after which my friends and myself were entertained in right royal style at a banquet; sixty odd covers were represented. I feel assured the craft will be well and truly represented at this point, and that in the near future one of the most successful lodges in the West will be found at Saskatoon.

Respecting Duck Lake, No. 72, I regret having to report that this, once active, Lodge does not display its old time vim. It has been urged upon them the duty they owe to the craft and to themselves. The advice was accepted in a true fraternal spirit, and under the energetic mastership of Bro. Dr. Stewart, and his able staff of subordinate officers, all of whom were installed on the occasion of my visit, I am satisfied that the report of your next D. D. G. M. for this district, re this Lodge will give you much greater satisfaction than the present one, but even under this slightly adverse report you will be glad to learn that a fraternal spirit prevails, and that during the stay of myself and party our expenses were paid by Duck Lake Masons; I report this the more gladly, as I understand the question of D. D. G. M. expenses was a subject of discussion at your last Grand Lodge Meeting. I have, on several occasions, tried to induce Battleford Lodge to revive their charter; the reasons for this Lodge having become defunct were, at the time, quite reasonable, but the same conditions do not exist to-day; with proper attention it may soon be again established there.

Of my mother Lodge, Kinistino No. 16, I cannot speak too highly; a superior staff of officers makes their work perfect, and it is confidently hoped that within the near future this lodge will own a building of their own, a credit alike to themselves and our town.

The visit of the M. W. G. M. and the Lodge of Instruction held by him, while giving pleasure to his many old time friends here, also developed a greater interest in the general work. The attendance has been more regular, thus increasing the year's average to a material extent. The past year's degrees have all been conferred upon our most prominent and reputable citizens, and I anticipate a considerable growth during the coming year.

The books of the several lodges visited were found correct, and the furnishings all that could be expected in a new country.

In conclusion, I wish, in this way, to thank the brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my visit to Saskatoon and Duck Lake, and the brethren of each place for their generous help and cordial hospitality.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. BETTS, D.D.G.M.,

Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Fleming, May 31st, 1904.

*To the M. W. Grand Master**of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

On July 25th, 1903, accompanied by that Masonic veteran, R.W. Bro. John McGuirl, I visited Sintaluta and constituted Sintaluta Lodge, No. 80, and installed the officers. From the zeal manifested by the officers and brethren of this lodge, I am satisfied its success is assured.

On February 17th, 1904, a Lodge of Instruction was held in the City of Regina. Afternoon and evening sessions were held under the auspices of Wascana Lodge, No. 23.

At the afternoon session questions of general interest to the craft were discussed. At the evening session the M.W. Grand Master was present. The officers of Wascana Lodge exemplified the First Degree in a highly creditable manner. In the discussion which followed this work was highly commended.

With a proper lodge room Wascana Lodge would be able to do better. This lodge has made great advancement during the past year and I trust its success will continue.

I regret that I have been unable to officially visit all the lodges in the Eighth District.

Satisfactory reports reach me from all with the exception of North West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61. This lodge is dormant. No meeting has been held for 18 months, and I see little hope for a revival. The brethren composing this lodge are moved so frequently that anything like regular attendance or continued interest in the lodge cannot be looked for.

On the whole, Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District is making substantial progress.

Fraternally submitted,

D. D. ELLIS, D.D.G.M.

Eighth Masonic District

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, Alta., 14th May 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District I have the honor to report upon the progress and condition of Masonry in this district for the past year.

During the year I have visited officially all the lodges in this district excepting Cascade Lodge, No. 42, and Mountain View Lodge, U.D. I regret that owing to illness in family and urgent professional duties I have not been able to include these two lodges in my visits. I have, however, kept in touch with their workings, and know them to be doing useful and cautious work in their respective fields.

As will be noted from the statistical report, the year has been one of prosperity to the district, not only in point of increased numbers but also in financial improvement.

The question of arrearage of dues is a hard one to handle in a young growing community such as ours where members are moving about a great deal. Time will fully rectify this.

In my visits to the lodges, I have preferred to drop in at regular meetings, and without warning, and I am pleased to say I have invariably found active interest and careful work a unanimous standard. The selection of Masonic material is deliberate. Books are well kept, and all historical registers up-to-date.

I have to report further, that the brethren of Nanton hope shortly to ask for dispensation to form a lodge at that place.

Speaking generally, Masonry throughout this district is in a very prosperous condition, work well performed and officers efficient and enthusiastic.

In conclusion, I must express my regret at not being able to give

the lodges that attention which I should have given. I can only say that it has simply been through force of circumstances that I have been unable to do so.

Fraternally submitted,

G. MACDONALD, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Maple Creek, May 14, 1904.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :

During the year I visited officially all the Lodges in this District. Harmony prevails throughout. The finances of the several Lodges, are as a rule in a flourishing condition. I found all the Lodges active and progressive ; no complaints were made to me.

ALBERTA LODGE, NO. 37 AT MACLEOD

I made my official visit on the 26 January, 1904, on their regular date of meeting. The attendance was good. Three Past D. D. G. Masters were present, showing their old time interest in the persons of R. W. Bros. G. C. Ives, R. Patterson and Matthews. The Lodge and brethren are doing good work along the line of relief work. The opening and closing of the Lodge was rendered in a creditable manner. The books are well kept, but regret to find so many members in arrears. The Lodge and ante-rooms are commodious, well furnished, comfortable and inviting.

SPITZIE LODGE, NO. 45, PINCHER CREEK

I made my official visit on the 28th January, their regular meeting. I was more than delighted with my visit. The Lodge room was filled with zealous Masons. The Lodge is to be congratulated on its efficient officers. The Lodge is financially strong having over \$940.00 on hand.

The Secretary and Treasurer could not look after their duties better. The 3rd Degree was given by W. Bro. Nash and officers of the Lodge in a most excellent manner. Harmony prevails. They truly deserve the name, "The Happy Family."

NORTH STAR LODGE, NO. 41, LETHBRIDGE

I paid my official visit on the 1st February. An emergent meeting was called. There was a large attendance. I found our old friend R. W. Bro. T. McNab, as W. Master, in the East, doing noble work. R. W. Bro. Higginbotham, W. Bros. Fleetwood, Smith, Cavanah, McKillop, and many others were present. The books are neatly kept, but regret to find so many members in arrears.

This Lodge is active, progressive and in a good financial position. This Lodge has the largest average attendance in the District. The First Degree was given in a creditable manner with W. Bro. Fleetwood in the East. The Lodge premises are large and all that can be desired. Since my visit I regret to record the death of one of its members, the late W. Bro. Cavanah. His good deeds and works will live as examples to his brethren.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION AT MEDICINE HAT

We held a Lodge of Instruction in Medicine Hat Lodge Rooms on the 16th February. Two meetings were held, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The attendance was large and most satisfactory. M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master, was present, his address was full of instruction and Masonic feeling. There were also present Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed. The D. D. G. Master, Past D. D. Grand Masters, R. W. Bros. Findlay and McNab, 16 Past Masters and a large number of Master Masons. M. W. Bro. Tweed and others gave able addresses. W. Bro. Smyth, Master of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, read a beautiful paper on the proper use of the Black Ball; R. W. Bro. McNab on the duties of Investigating Committees.

The Third Degree was exemplified by R. W. Bro. T. McNab and North Star Lodge in a creditable manner. The Lodge of Instruction was a decided success in every respect. The members of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, did every thing in their power to make the meeting a success, they provided a splendid dinner at 6.30 p.m., and after the work of the evening was over a delightful social time was spent in the Lodge Room; many toasts were made and responded to. It will be my privilege

to officially visit Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, on the evening of the 2nd June, when their new, spacious and well furnished Lodge Rooms will be opened. This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, their increase of membership during the year is 25 per cent., and their total assets exceed \$1,395.00.

MAPLE LEAF LODGE NO. 56, MAPLE CREEK

I officially visited this Lodge twice, once on the 27th December, 1903, when I installed the officers, and again at a later date. I am pleased to report that Maple Leaf Lodge is one of the most thorough and progressive in this District. The several offices are held by brethren of education, standing and ability. During the year the membership has increased 40%, being first on the list in this respect in the District. The books are kept in a business-like manner. The finances of the Lodge are in a good condition. I am a charter member of this Lodge, and have attended every meeting except one. The several degrees are given in a very creditable manner by W. Master Bro. F. W. Martin and his officers. Perfect harmony prevails.

During my term of office I have received the kindest treatment from the brethren of the District, and thank them for the honor conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. DIXON, D.D.G.M.,
Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Dawson, Y.T.,

May 14th, 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

I beg to submit the following report for District No. 11, (Yukon) comprising Yukon Lodge 79, Dawson, and White Horse Lodge 81, White Horse, Y.T. My duties have consequently been light.

I visited Yukon Lodge, officially, on 1st October, when there were some forty members and visitors present.

The work of this Lodge is consistently well done, and the average attendance decidedly good. Being a member of this Lodge I have had ample opportunity of watching the proceedings, and did not consider it necessary for any of the degree work to be exemplified. I made reference to a few matters that I considered might be improved upon, and gave a short address on the History, Origin and Design of Freemasonry, which I thought might be of more interest than a repetition of degree work, of which the brethren have ample opportunity to witness.

I hoped to have held a series of Lodges of Instruction, but regret my efforts in this direction were not as successful as I anticipated, and the importance of such work demanded, in a Lodge consisting of so many young Masons. This is greatly to be regretted, but may be accounted for by the many calls upon the time of the brethren during the short and busy summer season, more, perhaps, than the lack of inclination, the many regular and emergent meetings necessary to keep pace with the work during the winter, almost precludes this class of work during that season.

During the year the Government notified the Lodge that they required the ground for a Park, and notified them to remove the Hall. This, if insisted upon, will be a very serious loss to the lodge.

Dr. Alfred Thompson, the W. M., who is a member of the Yukon Council, brought up this matter before that body, with the result that the Government have offered to compensate the Lodge to the extent of \$2,000, a totally inadequate sum. What the eventual action will be is somewhat uncertain.

It is to be regretted that so many of the large number of the brethren who visit the Lodge, refrain from affiliating. The dues are not high, and we might reasonably expect many more to join, as their doing so would materially help the Lodge to meet the many calls incident to so remote a locality, besides which the accretion of a goodly number of these experienced brethren would have a healthy and stimulating effect, to the great benefit of the Craft.

The Lodge is making steady growth, and matters generally are in a creditable condition. A beautiful new organ was purchased last year, which adds much to the attractiveness of the work.

The annual entertainment this year was a *conversazione*, instead of the usual banquet, and was well attended and much enjoyed by the brethren and their families. I examined the books, etc., and found them in a very satisfactory condition.

Dr. A. J. Gillis, the retiring W. M. has been a most efficient and capable master, and the same may be said of many of the other officers as appertaining to their respective offices.

I visited White Horse Lodge, officially, on November 8th. There were some thirty brethren present, the work laid out for the evening being the conferring of the First and Second Degrees. The W. M. Bro. Pineo, conferred the Second Degree in the usual excellent manner in which all work is conducted, in this, the youngest of the far north Lodges. The total membership is now forty, being an increase of five, twelve degrees in all having been conferred during the year. I was invited to confer the First Degree, which I was very pleased to comply with, and although quite unexpected by the officers, they performed their duties without a hitch.

I gave a short address in conclusion ; after which the brethren entertained me in their well known hospitable style. The books, etc., are kept in a perfect manner, and I have never seen anything better in this respect in any Lodge. The members are enthusiastic and have a well furnished hall. Their work has been heavy during the year, having held 19 meetings with an average attendance of 16 ; which must be considered very good indeed considering that so many are engaged in the river service of the White Pass and Yukon Co.

I desire to thank the brethren for the honor conferred in electing me to this office which has been one of much pleasure owing to the willing assistance afforded me by the brethren at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

S. C. ELKINGTON, D.D.G.M.,

Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Regina, Assa.,

May 24th, 1904.

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRO.:

As District Deputy Grand Master, of the Twelfth Masonic District, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report:

Through the courtesy of Jaspar Lodge No. 78, and the kindness of you, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, I was installed in Jaspar Lodge, on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. Thereupon I began my duties by installing the officers of that Lodge. Your presence, M. W. Sir, lent an unusual interest to the meeting, and the wise words of counsel which you spoke awakened new aspirations among the brethren.

On August 6th, I was much pleased to welcome among the chartered Lodges of the District, Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 83, for on that day the Lodge was duly constituted by the M. W. Grand Master assisted by the D. D. G. M., the Grand Chaplain, and P. D. D. G. M., Bro. McLeod. I then had the honor of installing the officers of the newly constituted Lodge.

Another pleasing duty which I was called upon to perform was the granting of official permission to Edmonton Lodge No. 53, and Jaspar Lodge No. 78, to change their place of meeting. At the request of Edmonton and Jaspar Lodges, I inspected, on December 5th, the new Masonic Hall, built by the Edmonton Lodge, and finding it a most creditable building and eminently suitable for the purpose for which it was erected, I gave formal permission to these Lodges to remove from their former rented apartments to their present lodge home. Edmonton Lodge deserves to be complimented not only on the commendable enterprise which prompted them to erect this building, but particularly on the fact that the Lodge closed the year without a liability.

Another interesting function in which I had the honor to assist, was the joint installation of the officers of Acacia Lodge, No. 66, and Edmonton, No. 53, on the festival of St. John the Evangelist. This installation took place in the new Masonic Hall, Edmonton, and thus I had the somewhat unusual privilege of installing the officers of four out of six Lodges in the District. Similar joint installations have been held by Edmonton and Acacia Lodges for several years; and this speaks well for the healthy condition of Masonry in the sister towns on the North Saskatchewan.

I again visited Edmonton and Jasper Lodges respectively at their regular meetings in December. Both were found to be in excellent condition; the records were carefully kept; and the degree work was well and skilfully performed.

Acacia, No. 66, being my mother lodge, was visited officially at the regular December meeting. This Lodge is making good healthy progress; it is in the hands of a thoroughly competent staff of officers, and it has secured a lot with a view to the erection of a Masonic Hall. The Secretary, Bro. Campbell, deserves to be complimented on the highly satisfactory way in which his duties are performed, and on the accuracy and neatness which characterize his records.

I had contemplated a second trip down the C. & E. Railway to admit of another visit to Wetaskiwin, and a visit to Eureka Lodge, No. 65; but learning that Eureka Lodge was procuring new furnishings, I decided to postpone my visit for a few weeks.

An effort was also made in December to arrange a visit to Victoria Lodge, No. 76, but at that time we failed to arrange a date which would be mutually suitable. Unfortunately these postponements prevented my official visits to these two Lodges; for, through my appointment to a position in the Department of Education, Regina, I was quite unexpectedly removed far from my field.

Since then I have endeavored to keep myself in touch, as closely as possible, with the work and interests of the different Lodges of the District; and I am firmly convinced that Masonry is in a more healthy and prosperous condition now than at any former time in the history of the District.

In behalf of the Twelfth Masonic District, I extend to the Grand Lodge and visiting brethren a most hearty welcome to the historic and beautifully situated metropolis on the banks of the North Saskatchewan.

Fraternally submitted,

D. T. MACKENZIE, D.D.G.M.,
Twelfth Masonic District.

On motion of W. Bro. H. L. Rixon (63), seconded by V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43), the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

*To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st March, 1904, and the balances to the credit of the several accounts as at that date.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

1903		RECEIPTS			
April 1—To	Balance				\$2,678 36
April 30—To	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary ..				202 60
June 4—To	" " " " ..				283 20
July 3—To	" " " " ..				534 75
Aug. 1—To	" " " " ..				324 90
Sept. 1—To	" " " " ..				374 35
Oct. 1—To	" " " " ..				213 65
Nov. 2—To	" " " " ..				163 75
Dec. 28—To	" " " " ..				500 06
1904					
Jan. 26—To	" " " " ..				871 00
Mar. 1—To	" " " " ..				647 40
Mar. 31—To	" " " " ..				554 24
					<hr/> 4,669 30
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1903		EXPENDITURES			
June 2—	Order No. 1,015—Masonic Temple Association	\$			50 00
June 2—	" 1,016—E. W. Rugg Co.				73 75
June 2—	" 1,017—T. J. Porte				50 00
June 2—	" 1,018—Copp, Clarke & Co.				175 95
Carried Forward					<hr/> \$ 349 70

		Brought Forward..	\$ 349 70
2—	Order No. 1,019—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary ..	45 25	
2—	" 1,020—Transf. to Special		
	account.....	2,000 00	
16—	" 1,021—R. Hill Myers	120 00	
16—	" 1,022—John McBride	10 00	
16—	" 1,023—John Bailey.....	10 00	
16—	" 1,024—Copp, Clarke & Co	112 50	
16—	" 1,025—Bulman Bros. & Co	4 25	
16—	" 1,026—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary..	175 00	
20—	" 1,027—J. M. Suttie	56 00	
20—	" 1,028—H. S. Griffith	15 00	
20—	" 1,029—E. W. Rugg Co....	188 10	
20—	" 1,030—John Bailey	14 00	
20—	" 1,031—J. C. Waugh	4 50	
20—	" 1,032—James A. Ovas		
	Grand Secretary..	85 15	
20—	" 1,033—Masonic Temple As-		
	sociation.....	50 00	
20—	" 1,034—Ford Stat'y Co ...	5 80	
20—	" 1,035—T. Gilroy	11 25	
20—	" 1,036—Jas. McQuade	16 25	
t. 25—	" 1,037—James A. Ovas		
	Grand Secretary..	175 00	
t. 25—	" 1,038—Grant to A. & I. Fd..	200 00	
12—	" 1,039—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary..	36 25	
12—	" 1,040—Masonic Temple As-		
	sociation	50 00	
12—	" 1,041—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary..	175 00	
12—	" 1,042—E. W. Rugg Co....	660 75	
04			
26—	" 1,043 E. W. Rugg Co....	62 75	
26—	" 1,044—Hugh Murray	50 00	
26—	" 1,045—Ford Stat'y Co	16 75	
26—	" 1,046—Masonic Temple As-		
	sociation	50 00	
	Carried Forward..	\$4,749 25	

	Brought Forward..	\$4,749 25	
Feb. 26—	Order No. 1,047—A. & I. Masons Fund	500 00	
Feb. 26—	" 1,048—Grant to Library...	50 00	
Feb. 26—	" 1,049—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary..	39 10	
Feb. 26—	" 1,050—R. S. Thornton.....	10 40	
Mar. 29—	" 1,051—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary..	175 00	
Mar. 29—	" 1,052—E. W. Rugg Co....	13 00	
Mar. 29—	" 1,053—James A. Ovas,		
	Grand Secretary..	34 40	
April 1—	Balance.....	1,777 11	
			\$7,348 26
April 1—To Balance			\$1,777 11

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

1903			
April 1—	To Balance.....	\$1,028 56	
May 31—	Interest..	15 42	
June 2—	Deposit from Current Account .	2,000 00	
Nov. 30—	Interest.....	40 67	
1904			
Mar. 31—	Balance		\$3,084 65

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT

1903			
April 1—	To Balance.....	\$95 93	
May 31—	Interest.....	1 42	
Nov. 30—	Interest.....	1 45	
Dec. 31—	By Cheque Issued		\$25 00
	By Balance.....		73 80
			\$ 98 80 \$ 98 80

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS FUND

1903		
Apr. 1—	To Balance.....	\$1,704 40
May 31—	Interest.....	24 41
Sept. 29—	Deposit	279 62
Nov. 30—	Interest.....	27 32
1904		
Mar. 1—	Deposit	500 00
Mar. 30—	Deposit	95 66
Mar. 31—	Balance on hand	————\$2,631 41

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,

Grand Treasurer.

Certified correct,

T. HARRY WEBB,

J. H. MITCHELL,

Auditors.

May, 1904.

On motion of R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. A. Cowan (79), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

*To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A.M.:*

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditures made, with returns of subordinate lodges as at 27th of December, 1903, together with, by instructions of the M.W., the Grand Master, a record of the special communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed and other official acts of the M.W., the Grand Master, and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

700 copies of the proceedings of the last Annual and one special communication were printed, and the usual number distributed as in former years.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with clause 12, Sec. 58, certificates were issued to all the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, Special Communications of Grand Lodge were called as follows, viz: On the 24th June, A.D. 1903, at McGregor, Manitoba, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the McGregor Public School, R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Deputy Grand Master officiating. On the 10th of September, 1903, at Elkhorn, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Elkhorn Methodist Church, R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Deputy Grand Master, officiating.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted, and consecrated and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz:

Sintaluta Lodge No. 80, at Sintaluta, in the Eighth Masonic District constituted July 24th, 1903, by R. W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, District Deputy Grand Master.

White Horse Lodge No. 81, at White Horse, in the Eleventh Masonic District, constituted July 17th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. Fred MacLennan.

Cypress Lodge No. 82, at Cypress River, in the Third Masonic District, constituted Aug. 8th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. H. C. Cunningham, District Deputy Grand Master.

Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 83, at Wetaskiwin, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted August 6th, 1903, by R.W. Bro. D. S. McKenzie, District Deputy Grand Master.

Hamiota Lodge No. 84, at Hamiota, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted September 22nd, 1903, by R. W. Bro. E. A. Struthers, District Deputy Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

The following Lodges, not having worked under Dispensation for the period of four months, as required by the Constitution, the M. W. the Grand Master authorized the continuance of the several Dispensations until June 1st, 1904.

Mountain View Lodge, at Olds, in the Ninth Masonic District.

Elgin Lodge, at Elgin, in the Sixth Masonic District.

Rathwell Lodge, at Rathwell, in the Third Masonic District.

Amity Lodge, at Carnduff, in the Eighth Masonic District.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, Dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued:

Saskatchewan Lodge, at Saskatoon, in the Seventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued Jan. 2nd, 1904. Seventeen charter members, Bro. Andrew Rutherford, Worshipful Master; Bro. Malcolm Isbister, Senior Warden; Bro. A. E. St. Laurent, Junior Warden. Instituted February 24th, 1904, by R. W. Bro. J. F. Betts, District Deputy Grand Master.

Midlothian Lodge at Miami, in the Third Masonic District. Dispensation issued February 12th, 1904. Fifteen charter mem-

bers. Bro. Robert Munro, Worshipful Master; Bro. Hugh McIntyre, Senior Warden; Bro. Franklin Collins, Junior Warden. Instituted March 16th, 1904, by R. W. Bro. John Coulter, District Deputy Grand Master.

Carlyle Lodge, at Carlyle, in the Eighth Masonic District. Eight charter members. Dispensation issued April 7th, 1904. Bro. D. C. McFee, Worshipful Master; Bro. James I. Ross, Senior Warden, Bro. Alex Paxton, Junior Warden. Instituted May 5th, 1904, by R. W. Bro. D. D. Ellis, District Deputy Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near this Grand Lodge.

During the past year commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows :

March 9th, 1904.—R. W. Bro. James Scroggie, of Winnipeg from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, commissions have been issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, as follows :

December 1st, 1903.—W. Bro. W. B. Edwards, of Melbourne, near the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

March 7th, 1904.—Bro. J. Y. Hogsett, of Fort Worth, near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

May 30th, 1904.—W. Bro. Geo. B. Glover, of Monticello, near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the by-laws of the following lodges, viz.:

Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, White Horse Lodge No. 81, Bow River Lodge No. 28, Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 83, Cypress Lodge No. 82, Perfection Lodge No. 60, Sintaluta Lodge No. 80.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved amendments to the by-laws of the following Lodge, viz :

Deloraine Lodge No. 40.

CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING.

In accordance with Sec. 223 of the Constitution, certificates of good standing have been issued to members of extinct Lodges, as follows:

Henry Henson, James Clinkskill and Renton Heron, all of Battle Lodge No. 38.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSE.

During the past year certificates have been issued by direction of the Board of General Purposes, as required by the Act of Incorporation, to the following lodges :

Red Deer Lodge No. 73, to incorporate.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I have to report the following lodges as having failed to comply with the laws in regard to transmitting the half-yearly returns to this office, viz :

Glenboro Lodge No. 48, for 1902 and 1903; Russell Lodge No. 62, for December, 1902, and 1903; Oakland Lodge No. 9, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Manitou Lodge No. 30, Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 34, Evening Star Lodge No. 57, for December, 1903.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

The following dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M. W. Grand Master :—

TO ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE

Date	Name of Lodge	No.	Date	Name of Lodge	No.
1903			1903		
June	4—Maple Leaf	56	July	9—Sintaluta...	80
"	12—Bow River	28	Nov.	7—King S'l'm.	8
June	16—Neepawa.....	24	Dec.	15—White Horse..	81
	—Composite.....	64		—Red Deer ...	73
	—Carberry	29		21—North Star ..	41
"	19—Glenwood	27		23—Kinistino ...	16
"	22—Wawanesa	67		—Gladstone ...	11
	—Edmonton	53	1904		
"	23—Indian Head	33	Mch.	8—Oak Lake ...	44
	—Gladstone	11	May	25—Lebanon.....	43
"	24—Doric	36		—Edmonton.....	53
"	30—Lebanon	43	"	28—Duck Lake ...	72

TO ELECT AND INSTAL

1903			1904		
July	16—Emerson	6	Jan. .	5—Oak Lake	44
Sept.	21—Killarney	50	“	26—Oriental	54
Dec.	15—Red Deer	73	Feb.	10—Duck Lake	72
“	18—Oakland	9	“	23—Sintaluta	80
“	19—Neepawa	24	Mch.	28—White Horse	81

August 4th, 1903,—Perfection Lodge No. 60 to hold meeting on
Sulphur Mountain, August 13.

TO RE-BALLOT ON REJECTED CANDIDATES

October 8—King Solomon 8

TO CONFER DEGREES WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIME

1903		1904	
Dec.	28—Hamiota	84	Apr. 21—Maple Leaf 56
1904			May 28—Edmonton 53
Feb.	19—Alberta	37	

TO ACT ON PETITION OF APPLICANT RESIDING OUTSIDE THE
JURISDICTION OF THE LODGE

Date 1903	Name of Lodge	No.	Date 1903	Name of Lodge	No.
June 9—Brandon	19		Oct. 21—Manitou	30	
" 23—Pr. of Wales	14		1904		
Sept. 21—Bow River	28		Jan. 2—Perfection	60	
			Feb. 22—Pr. of Wales	14	

STATISTICAL

The returns of the various lodges show a satisfactory increase during the past year. The following have been compiled from the reports received :

No. of Members Dec. 27th, 1902....	3,811	
Initiated	454	
Passed	382	
Raised	405	
Joined	210	
Restored	22	686
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		4,497
Demitted	132	
Suspended U.M.C	3	
Suspended N.P.D	48	
Died	40	223
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No. of Members Dec. 27th, 1903...	4,274	
Increase	463	

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by W. Bro. V. E. D. Casselman (77), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE

Monies received between April 1st, 1903, and March 31st, 1904.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.	No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.
1.	Prince Rupert.....	\$ 159 25		Brought Fwd..	\$2,037 20
2.	Lisgar.....	59 00	36.	Doric	86 35
3.	Ancient Landm'k .	180 25	37.	Alberta	66 75
4.	St. Johns	147 00	39.	Birtle	50 75
6.	Emerson	37 00	40.	Deloraine.....	67 05
7.	Assiniboine	48 00	41.	North Star	42 00
8.	King Solomon.....	64 45	42.	Cascade.	37 40
9.	Oakland	4 50	43.	Lebanon	45 85
10.	Northern Light....	83 60	44.	Oak Lake	12 75
11.	Gladstone	85 20	45.	Spitzie.....	56 55
12.	Stonewall.....	33 50	47.	Ashlar	23 00
13.	Belmont.....	47 75	49.	Temple.....	41 80
14.	Prince of Wales ..	25 50	50.	Killarney	28 75
15.	Corinthian	46 25	51.	Treherne	53 70
16.	Kinistino	75 25	52.	Hartney.....	39 95
19.	Brandon	153 40	53.	Edmonton	69 60
23.	Wascana	63 50	54.	Oriental	64 05
24.	Neepawa	50 60	55.	East Star.....	13 50
25.	Ionic.....	141 95	56.	Maple Leaf	44 00
26.	Moose Jaw.....	92 75	57.	Evening Star	29 00
27.	Glenwood.....	19 50	58.	Innisfail	27 05
28.	Bow River.....	150 75	60.	Perfection.....	260 40
29.	Carberry	48 20	61.	N.W.M. Police ...	20 00
30.	Manitou	16 35	62.	Russell	1 50
31.	Medicine Hat	33 25	63.	Holland	39 90
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	29 30	64.	Composite.....	42 25
33.	Indian Head	29 50	65.	Eureka.....	62 75
34.	Qu'Appelle	36 45	66.	Acacia	60 05
35.	Moosomin	75 20	67.	Wawanesa	26 00
Carried Fwd..		\$2,037 20	Carried Fwd..		\$3,449 90

No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.	No.	Name of Lodge	Amt.
Brought Fwd.. \$3,449 90			Brought Fwd. \$4,203 40		
68.	Vermillion	90 95	81.	White Horse	63 50
69.	Yorkton.....	53 25	82.	Cypress	73 50
70.	Shiloh.....	53 95	83.	Wetaskiwin	73 00
71.	Crystal	57 05	84.	Hamiota	83 50
72.	Duck Lake	26 00	85.	Mountain View ...	6 10
73.	Red Deer.....	45 25	86.	Elgin	1 40
75.	Gothic	37 20	87.	Rathwell	32 30
76.	Victoria	44 00	88.	Amity	55 10
77.	Napinka.....	41 05	U.D. Saskatchewan...	42 30	
78.	Jasper	37 65	U.D. Midlothian	34 00	
79.	Yukon	204 45	C. R. Foley	1 80	
80.	Sintaluta	62 70			
Carried Fwd.. \$4,203 40			\$4,669 90		

JAMES A. OVAS,

Grand Secretary.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

From April 1st, 1903, to March 31st, 1904.

No. of Order	In Whose Favor Drawn	Amount
1,015—	Masonic Temple Association, rent...	\$ 50 00
1,016—	E. W. Rugg Co., books and stat'y .	73 75
1,017—	T. J. Porte, Past Grand Masters' Collar	50 00
1,018—	Copp, Clarke Co., M. M. Certificates	175 95
1,019—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	45 25
1,020—	John McKechnie, Grand Treas. De- posit special account	2,000 00
1,021—	R. Hill Myers, Past Grand Master, expenses	120 00
1,022—	John McBride, services Grand Tyler	10 00
1,023—	John Bailey, services Assistant Gd. Tyler	10 00
1,024—	Copp, Clarke Co., charters	112 50
1,025—	Bullman Bros., stationery	4 25
1,026—	James A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, Salary	175 00
1,027—	J. M. Suttie, books and forms	56 00
1,028—	H. S. Griffith, engrossing charters ..	15 00
1,029—	E. W. Rugg Co., constitutions.....	188 10
1,030—	John Bailey, refreshments, Grand Lodge	14 00
1,031—	J. C. Waugh, insurance	4 50
1,032—	James A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, cash disbursements	85 15
1,033—	Masonic Temple Association, rent...	50 00
1,034—	Ford Stationery Co., stationery.....	5 80

 Carried forward.. \$ 3245 25

1904]

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

No. of Order	In Whose Favor Drawn	Amount
	Brought forward . . .	\$3,245 25
1,035—	Thos. Gilroy, premium Grand Secretary's bond	11 25
1,036—	James C. McQuade, Lodge seals . . .	16 25
1,037—	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, salary . .	175 00
1,038—	Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund . .	200 00
1,039—	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, cash disbursements	36 25
1,040—	Masonic Temple Association, rent . .	50 00
1,041—	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, salary . .	175 00
1,042—	E. W. Rugg Co., books and forms . .	660 75
1,043—	E. W. Rugg Co., books and forms . .	62 75
1,044—	Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, books and forms	50 00
1,045—	Ford Stationery Co., forms and stationery	16 75
1,046—	Masonic Temple Association, rent . .	50 00
1,047—	Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund . .	500 00
1,048—	Grand Lodge Library	50 00
1,049—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, cash disbursements	39 10
1,050—	Quatuor Coronati Lodge 2076	10 40
1,051—	James A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, salary . .	175 00
10,52—	E. W. Rugg Co., books and forms . .	13 00
1,053—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, cash disbursements	34 40
		<hr/> \$5

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary

CASH STATEMENT

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from April 1st, 1903 to March 31st, 1904, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer :—

DR.

1904
Mar. 30—To receipts..... \$4,669 90

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1903
April 30—By John McKechnie, Grand Treas. . \$202 60
June 4 " " " " 283 20
July 2 " " " " 534 75
July 30 " " " " 324 90
Sept. 1 " " " " 374 35
Oct. 2 " " " " 213 65
Oct. 31 " " " " 163 75
Dec. 28 " " " " 500 06
1904
July 26 " " " " 871 00
Feb 29 " " " " 647 40
Mar 31 " " " " 554 24
————— \$4,669 90

YEARLY STATEMENT

MARCH 31st, 1904

GAINS

Dispensations..... \$ 165 00
Books and Forms..... 332 56
Initiations..... 944 00
Dues..... 2,037 75
M. M. Certificates..... 669 60
L. M. Certificates..... 4 52
P. M. Certificates..... 16 00
L. M. Fees..... 55 00
Interest..... 110 69
Charters..... 128 75
————— \$4,463 87

LOSSES

Fixtures.....	\$ 32 39	
Expense.....	89 85	
Printing.....	196 10	
Stationery.....	54 70	
Postage.....	148 90	
Rent.....	200 00	
Salaries.....	700 00	
Library Fixtures.....	15 17	
Regalia.....	7 48	
Insurance.....	14 80	
Special Grants.....	215 00	
Net Gain.....	2,789 48	
		<hr/> \$4,463 87

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS

FROM APRIL 1ST, 1903, TO MARCH 31ST, 1904

Initiations.....	\$ 944 00	
Dues.....	2,037 75	
M. M. Certificates.....	825 00	
P. M. Certificates.....	33 00	
L. M. Certificates.....	8 00	
L. M. Fees.....	55 00	
Dispensations.....	165 00	
Books and Forms.....	462 15	
Charters.....	140 00	
		<hr/> \$4,669 90

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

MARCH 31st, 1904

Charters.....	\$ 101 25	
Books and Forms.....	722 94	
L. M. Certificates.....	40 02	
P. M. Certificates.....	45 50	
M. M. Certificates.....	18 55	
Fixtures.....	616 52	
Regalia.....	142 33	
Library.....	1,783 68	
Library Fixtures.....	288 98	
John McKechnie, Gr. Treas. Current Account	1,777 11	
John McKechnie, Gr. Treas. Special Account	3,084 65	
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.....	2,631 41	
John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer, Benevolent Account.....	73 80	
Ledger Accounts.....	757 80	
		<hr/> \$12,084 54

JAMES A. OVAS,

Grand Secretary.

Certified correct,

T. HARRY WEBB,

J. H. MITCHELL,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A.M.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

In presenting my report as your Librarian, it affords me much pleasure to inform this Grand Lodge of the increasing demands throughout the Jurisdiction for Masonic reading during the past year. The numerous letters I have received from the different lodges asking for a list of Masonic books is an evidence that the Brethren are realizing the necessity of becoming better acquainted with Masonic literature. I have always cheerfully given the information asked for and sincerely hope that in the near future every lodge will provide a supply of the best Masonic works.

I would suggest to the various lodges that meetings be held at least once a month, to be devoted to the reading of papers on Masonic subjects. A few of the lodges have taken up this line of work, and are reporting great success. During the past year the following additions have been made to the library :—

BOUND PROCEEDINGS DONATED

Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1903, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1903, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1903, the gift of R. W. Bro. N. R. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New York for 1903, the gift of R. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Oregon for 1903, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Texas for 1903, the gift of R. W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1903 the gift of R. W. Bro. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1903, the gift of R.W. Bro. Thos. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED

Freemason's Calendar and Directory for 1904, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, the gift of R.W. Bro. Thos. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Eighteen volumes Sessional Papers, the gift of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Past Grand Master, Moosomin.

Freemason's Calendar and Directory for 1904, the gift of R.W. Bro. Henry T. Flavell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Congressional Record, the gift of the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator of Minnesota.

Masonic Membership Record of Library Classification, the gift of M.W. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Masonic Manual of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the gift of R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

Centenary of Freemasonry in Australia, the gift of R. W. Bro. Arthur H. Bray, Grand Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS DONATED

Manitoba Daily Free Press	The Masonic Chronicle
Winnipeg Tribune	The Toronto Freemason
Morning Telegram	The Masonic Sun
Town Topics	The Texas Freemason
Souris Plaindealer	The Australasian Keystone
McGregor Herald	The Canadian Craftsman
Carlyle Herald	The Orient and Sheaf
Moosomin Spectator	The Square and Compass
Boston Ideas	The Masonic Token
The Silent Echo	The Pacific Mason
The American Tyler	The Masonic Voice Review
Masonic Tidings	The Tennessee Mason
The Palestine Bulletin	The Masonic Observer
The Masonic Advocate	The Trestle Board
	Southern Freemason

BOOKS PURCHASED

The Makers of Canada, 20 volumes.

THANKS

To all of those who have so kindly remembered us with donations we extend our warmest thanks and assurance of our deep Appreciation.

READING ROOM

The Annual Grant of \$75 voted by the City Lodges has been expended during the year, under the supervision of the committee, in providing reading matter for the room.

I am pleased again to be able to report that the interest in the Reading Room continues, and is much patronized by city and visiting brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of R. W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside (42), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32) the report of the Grand Librarian was referred to the committee on Grand Lodge Library.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
GENERAL PURPOSES.

*To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.*

M. W. Sir and Brethren:—

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:—

At a meeting held on the 11th day of June, A.D. 1903, M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected President, and R. W. Bro. James Scroggie Vice-President for the ensuing year. The various Special Committees were elected in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last annual communication, a suitable Testimonial for presentation to M. W. Bro., His Honor Judge Myers, consisting of a Past Grand Master's chain-collar has been procured, and your Board recommends that this token of esteem be presented to this distinguished Brother at this communication.

No business of a contentious character has been brought forward for consideration of the Board, and evidence comes to us from all quarters of this large jurisdiction that peace and harmony prevails, that Masonry is expanding in sympathy with the general development that is going on, as evidenced by the large increase in the Membership Roll.

Your Board have had several matters of importance under consideration and chief among others is the following:

(a) The proper course to adopt as to the examination of Visitors; Your Board would recommend that this Grand Lodge should rule that each visitor should be examined separately, and that the Tyler's Test should be given at the conclusion thereof, after the examining committee are thoroughly satisfied that the visiting Brother has given substantial proof of his fitness to enter the Lodge; Also that the Visiting Brother should produce some documentary evidence that he is a member in good standing of a regularly constituted Lodge owing allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Body.

(b) The question of the rent paid by Grand Lodge for the use of the rooms in the Masonic Temple; Proof was produced before your Board that the expenses of management are heavier than they used to be and that all the lodges in the City of Winnipeg are paying increased rents on account thereof;

Your Board therefore recommends to Grand Lodge that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars heretofore paid be increased to the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, and that such increased rent start from the First day of July, 1904.

(c) The Question as to the Brethren of this jurisdiction obtaining a Certificate of good standing when visiting other lodges outside of this Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Your Board would recommend that members of lodges intending to visit other such lodges, be furnished upon request and upon payment of a fee of ten cents with a certificate signed by the Grand Secretary under Seal of the Grand Lodge, that the Lodge is a regularly constituted Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, situate at, and attach thereto a certificate by the Secretary of the Lodge, that such member is in good standing, and such Certificate to be only good for one year from the date of issue. The following is suggested as the form of such Certificate:

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

This is to certify that Lodge

No. meeting at is a regularly consti-

tuted Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

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Grand Secretary.
SEAL.

Dated A.D. 190..

I CERTIFY that Bro.....
who has signed his name in the margin hereof is a Master Mason in
good standing in the above Lodge.

This Certificate is only to be used for visiting purposes, and
is good only for one year from date of issue.

SEAL.

.....
Secretary, Lodge No...

Dated.....A.D. 190....

Your Board received a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia relative to the case of Bro. F. Murray O'Meara referred to in the report of the committee on Grievances and Appeals at the last communication, and after fully considering the same, recommend that this Grand Lodge refer the case back to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals for further consideration and report their finding to this board for further action.

Your Board have considered the recommendation of the Committee on Finance as to the investment of the funds of the Grand Lodge, and would endorse such recommendation.

Your Board is especially pleased to note the highly satisfactory financial condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction as shewn by the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The Term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this Session of Grand Lodge;

V W. Bro. James Scroggie	R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid
V. W. Bro. J. T. B. Persse	W. Bro. William Braden
W. Bro. R. Magness	R. W. Bro. John Wemyss
R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick	R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,

President.

Winnipeg, 4th June, 1904

On motion of M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), the Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report as follows:

No amendments to the Constitution have been proposed or submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

No Appeals or Questions of Masonic Law and Usage have been submitted for your Committee's consideration, from which we draw the pleasing conclusion that peace and harmony universally prevails throughout the large territory covered by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROBINSON,

Chairman.

4th. June 1904

On motion of R. W. Bro. John Dixon (56), seconded by W. Bro. H. R. Barrett (4), the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows:

That no meetings of the Committee have been held during the year, inasmuch as no business has been referred to them, and the Committee offers congratulations to Grand Lodge at the thus apparent peace and harmony which has prevailed within the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. SCROGGIE,

Chairman.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee notes the number of visits made by the M. W. the Grand Master, as reported by the District Deputy Grand Masters, and are pleased to hear of the Lectures given by him, and share in the hope that the knowledge thus imparted will be productive of great good.

The Reports received from the District Deputy Grand Masters are of an encouraging nature, and show that most of the Lodges which have been visited, with one or two exceptions, are in a flourishing condition.

The statistical reports are very complete and show numerically and financially that every effort is being used to make Freemasonry what it should always be "A moral strength in the community" And it must be gratifying to Grand Lodge to mark the able and efficient manner in which the District Deputy Grand Masters

have fulfilled their respective duties, and the unanimity with which they report upon the peace and harmony prevailing in the several Districts, also the able manner in which the various Officers of Lodges as a rule perform their duties.

We heartily congratulate Grand Lodge on the very satisfactory increase in membership being a net gain of 463 for the year ending Dec. 27th, 1903.

Your Committee would recommend that the rank of R.W. Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following Brethren.

R. W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie	District	Numberr	One
R. W. " William Cairns	"	"	Two
R. W. " John Coulter	"	"	Three
R. W. " E. T. Greenway	"	"	Four
R. W. " E. A. Struthers	"	"	Five
R. W. " Gilbert Rowan	"	"	Six
R. W. " J. F. Betts	"	"	Seven
R. W. " D. D. Ellis	"	"	Eight
R. W. " Geo. Macdonald	"	"	Nine
R. W. " John Dixon	"	"	Ten
R. W. " S. C. Elkington	"	"	Eleven
R. W. " D. S. McKenzie	"	"	Twelve

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. WHITE,

Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Dixon (56), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M. W. Sir and Brethren,

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year ending March 31st, 1904, it authorized payment of the several accounts presented by the Grand Secretary as in the summary presented by him, and which have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee are more than pleased to further report on the financial condition of Grand Lodge, the net gain amounting to \$2,789.48.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$500.00 be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund and that \$3,000.00 from this fund and \$3,000.00 from the special account be invested in First Mortgage Securities, either by this Committee or one appointed by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee respectfully recommends the following appropriations for the year April 1st, 1904, to March 31st, 1905, inclusive:

Grand Secretary's Salary.....	\$1000 00
Office Rent.....	300 00
Printing Proceedings 1904.....	250 00
Books and Stationery.....	100 00
Postage and Express Charges.....	150 00
Grant to Grand Master for Expenses.....	200 00
Grant to Grand Tyler.....	10 00
Grant to Assistant Grand Tyler.....	10 00
Insurance.....	25 00
Grant to Library.....	50 00
Contingent Expenses.....	150 00

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. GRANT,

Chairman.

On Motion of M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11 o'clock p.m. until Thursday, June 9th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Second Day - - morning Session.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 9th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

*To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

M. W. Sir and Brethren —

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that they have only found it necessary to expend the sum of \$25 from the Benevolent Fund notwithstanding a large number of applicants have been assisted during the past year.

Your Committee note with much pleasure the following donations to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund :

W. G. Scott, balance O'Meara Fund.....	\$10 27
Cascade Lodge No. 42.....	42 77
Carberry Lodge No. 29.....	15 00
Evening Star Lodge No. 57.....	6 60
E. Nelson Brown.....	15 66
Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	50 00
St. John's Lodge No. 4.....	30 00
Grant from Grand Lodge.....	700 00

Making a total to the credit of this account on March 31st, 1904, of \$2,631 41.

Your Committee fully concur in the recommendations of the Finance Committee that the sum of \$500.00 be placed to the credit of this account, and that the sum of \$3,000.00 be loaned on First Mortgage Security.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LESLIE,

Chairman.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Greenway (71), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to report that they have examined the books and returns of the several Lodges under Dispensation, and respectfully recommend as follows :—

That Charters be granted to the following Lodges :—

Mountain View Lodge, No. 85, in the Ninth Masonic District.

Elgin Lodge No. 86 in the Sixth Masonic District.

Rathwell Lodge, No. 87, in the Third Masonic District.

Amity Lodge, No. 88, in the Fourth Masonic District.

That the following Lodges, not having worked four months, in accordance with Sec. 270 of the Constitution, the Dispensations be continued for one year :—

Saskatchewan Lodge, at Saskatoon in the Seventh Masonic District.

Midlothian Lodge, at Miami, in the Third Masonic District.

Carlyle Lodge, at Carlyle, in the Eighth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. BELL,

Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the M.W. Grand Master Officers and Brethren

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited to their several accounts in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by the Committee on Finance.

The statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary as presented, are a correct exhibit of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1904.

Fraternally submitted,

T. HARRY WEBB,

J. H. MITCHELL,

Auditors.

On motion of R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (53), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address beg leave to report as follows :—

We concur with the Grand Master in his remarks regarding the progressive development of the territory in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the coincident prosperity of the Craft.

We congratulate the Grand Master that in spite of the difficulties involved he succeeded in visiting so many parts of the jurisdiction.

We endorse his suggestions as to the duty of the brethren to endeavor to have non-affiliated brethren attach themselves to the lodges in active membership. Many of the brethren in changing their residences neglect to do so, and are allowed to drift into indifference when a little timely effort would prevent this.

We endorse also his suggestions regarding the wearing of regalia on all official occasions, and commend to the earnest attention of the several lodges the paragraph relating to the proper working of the degrees and the education of the Brethren. To this end we propose that when the printed proceedings of this meeting are furnished to the Secretaries of the several lodges, the Grand Master's address be ordered to be read in open lodge.

Fraternally submitted

THOMAS TWEED,

Convener.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (41), seconded by W. Bro. H. L. Rixon (63), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee, to whom the annual official report of the Grand Secretary has been referred, beg to submit the following :

We find that the Grand Secretary has complied with the requirements of the Constitution, and has given a complete record of all official acts during the period which has elapsed since the last

annual communication. The major portion deals with matters of routine which require no comment, as in doing so we would but re-echo the facts and statements of the Grand Secretary.

Upon referring to reports of former committees on Grand Secretaries' reports, we find that it has been the disagreeable duty of this Committee to emphasize the implied censure of the Grand Secretary upon lodges that had failed to make their usual returns to the Grand Secretary, as required by the Constitution. Instead of this censure having the desired effect, we find that the delinquents are on the increase, as no less than eight lodges have failed to perform their duty in this respect. They are as follows :

Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, for 1902 and 1903; Russell Lodge, No. 62, for December, 1902 and 1903; Oakland Lodge, No. 9; Glenwood Lodge, No. 27; Manitou Lodge, No. 30; Oriental Lodge, No. 54; Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, for December.

Your Committee desires to remind the Grand Secretary that it is his duty, under the Constitution, to impose upon delinquent lodges a fine of \$5 for failure to make their returns to him on or before February 1st and August 1st in each year (see Sec. 170, Clause 4, of the Constitution), and would recommend that this provision in the Constitution be carried out.

Your Committee view with pleasure that portion of the report referring to membership and the formation of new lodges, and desire to offer their words of congratulation upon the substantial progress of the Craft in this jurisdiction, as evidenced by the statistics of information furnished by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. McDERMID,

Chairman.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE
LIBRARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

M. W. Sir and Brethren :—

Your Committee, having the consideration of the Report of the Grand Librarian, beg to report as follows :—

Twenty volumes, entitled "Makers of Canada," have been acquired by purchase during the past year, your Committee, after careful consideration, deeming the work of such character and scope as to be a valuable addition to previous purchases.

Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges have, as heretofore, been received during the past year, the reports on correspondence being of great interest to the Craft in general, and containing a great fund of current Masonic information. Various brethren have also evinced their interest in the library by donations of reports, etc., and your Committee reiterate the expression of thanks by this Grand Lodge for the donations to the library during the past year.

Attention was drawn by your Committee, in their previous report, to the number of books outstanding, and it is to be regretted that those whom it should interest have not co-operated with the Grand Librarian by returning works borrowed, and a regulation in this respect will have to be put in operation making a return within a definite period imperative. The increasing demand of the brethren for works of a general Masonic character is a pleasing feature of the awakened interest in Masonic literature, and gives point to the foregoing remarks.

The interest in the library continues unabated, and is a general rendezvous for the Craft, much of the success of which may be found in the geniality and courtesy of the Grand Librarian.

Fraternally submitted,

EDGAR W. RUGG,

Chairman

On Motion of V. W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43), seconded by W. Bro. A. Mack (29), the report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

The returns of the Grand Secretary's office show that there were thirty-eight deaths in our jurisdiction during the past year; several of these were highly esteemed brethren of this Grand Lodge, and while not active members of Grand Lodge they have been prominent in the social walks of life, and have been more or less active in Masonry.

Our sister Grand Jurisdictions report the loss by death of quite a number of active and well-known brethren. We include in this list the names of Grand and Past Grand Officers of our sister jurisdictions upon whom the "portals of the tomb have forever closed."

M.W. Bro. Henry Hart Brown, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alabama; died January 9th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. John Y. T. Smith, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arizona; died July 15th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. George W. Cheyney, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arizona; died August 14th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. George E. Dodge, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arkansas; died February 6th, 1904.

M.W. Bro. John James Mason, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada; died June 15th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Roger Williams Woodbury, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Colorado; died July 11th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. William Wallace Lee, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut; died September 14th, 1903.

R.W. Bro. Warren Tyler, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Florida ; died December 21st, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Joseph Alvah Locke, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine ; died April 21st, 1904.

M.W. Bro. George H. Durand, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan ; died June 8th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Arthur M. Clark, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan ; died October 26th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Gould, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana ; died June 5th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Samuel Word, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana ; died September 24th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Rolland Hector Oakley, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska ; died February 2nd, 1904.

M.W. Bro. Charles Belcher, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Jersey ; died Feb. 20th, 1904.

M.W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Charles John Macdonald, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia ; died October 12th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ohio ; died April 3rd, 1904.

M.W. Bro. A. J. Rose, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas ; died December 13th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ; died July 14th, 1903.

M.W. Bro. DeForest Richards, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Wyoming ; died April 28th, 1903.

R.W. Bro. Myron J. Horton, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Lodge of Vermont ; died January 7th, 1904.

"May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties over their last resting-places, and there may the sweetness of the last summer's roses linger longest."

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. SCOTT,
Convener.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg (60), the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

By R. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40):

That I will move at the next session of this Grand Lodge "That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund."

By R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1):

That I will move at the next Session of this Grand Lodge "That suitable regalia be procured for the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer."

By R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1):

That I will move at the next session of this Grand Lodge "That the salary of the Grand Treasurer be One Hundred Dollars per annum, to date from January 1st, 1904, payable half-yearly."

SPECIAL ORDER

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place to-day at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m. until 2.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day - - Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 9th, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The Representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on pages 549-550, were duly received and welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master, and fraternal greetings exchanged.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with Section 11 of the Constitution, the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Winnipeg.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. A. Cowan (79) and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and the Canadian Northern Railway Co. for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO BRETHREN OF ALBERTA

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, (49) and

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the brethren of Alberta, and especially those of the town of Edmonton, for their hearty welcome, their excellent arrangements for our meeting, and their great kindness in entertaining the visiting brethren during their sojourn in this charming and prosperous town.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On Motion of R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. E. A. BRAITHWAITE.

On Motion of M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite.

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. MASTER

On Motion of R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, (49) the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

FUND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (41), and

Resolved—That the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be a Committee to invest the funds as recommended by the Committee on Finance.

MONEY GRANTS

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by R. W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (41), and

Resolved—That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), and

Resolved—That the Finance Committee procure suitable regalia for the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), and

Resolved—That the salary of the Grand Treasurer be one hundred dollars per annum, to date from January 1st, 1904, payable half-yearly.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (41), and

Resolved—That the sum of twenty-eight dollars charged against Red Deer Lodge, No 73, be refunded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report :—

*To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:*

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report as follows:—

There are 79 chartered and 4 Lodges U. D. on the Grand Register; 36 Lodges are represented by their own officers, 32 Lodges by proxy, and 11 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 50 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 252.

Your Committee find the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's				5	1	8
2	Lisgar					1	3
3	Ancient Landmark				1		4
4	St. John's	1					3
6	Emerson						3
7	Assiniboine					1	3
8	King Solomon					1	3
9	Oakland					1	3
10	Northern Light				2	1	5
11	Gladstone					1	3
13	Belmont					1	3
14	Prince of Wales				2	1	5
15	Corinthian					1	3
16	Kinistino					1	3
19	Brandon					1	3
23	Wascana					1	3
24	Neepawa					1	3
25	Ionic	1			2		5
26	Moose Jaw					1	3
27	Glenwood					1	3
28	Bow River	1			1		4
29	Carberry				1	1	4
30	Manitou				1	1	4
31	Medicine Hat				1	1	4
32	Qu'Appelle Valley				1	1	4
33	Indian Head				1	1	4
34	Qu'Appelle					1	3
35	Moosomin					1	3
36	Doric					1	3
37	Alberta					1	3
40	Deloraine				1	1	4
41	North Star				1	1	4
42	Cascade				1	1	4
43	Lebanon				1	1	4
45	Spitzie					1	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
47	Ashlar.....					1	3
49	Temple.....				1	1	4
51	Treherne.....					1	3
53	Hartney.....				1	1	4
53	Edmonton.....	1	1	1	7		10
56	Maple Leaf.....				1	1	4
57	Evening Star.....			1			3
58	Innisfail.....				2	1	5
60	Perfection.....				2	1	5
61	N. W. M. Police.....				1	1	4
62	Russell.....					1	3
63	Holland.....	1			1		4
64	Composite.....					1	3
65	Eureka.....	1			2		5
66	Acacia.....	1	1		3		6
67	Wawanesa.....					1	3
68	Vermillion.....					1	3
69	Yorkton.....					1	3
70	Shiloh.....					1	3
71	Crystal.....				1	1	4
72	Duck Lake.....					1	3
73	Red Deer.....		1				3
74	Elkhorn.....					1	3
75	Gothic.....					1	3
76	Victoria.....	1	1		1		4
77	Napinka.....	1					3
78	Jasper.....	1	1		1		4
79	Yukon.....				1	1	4
80	Sintaluta.....					1	3
81	White Horse.....					1	3
82	Cypress.....					1	3
83	Wetaskiwin.....	1			1		4
84	Hamiota.....					1	3
							252

On Motion of R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as Scrutineers M. W. Bro R. Hill Myers (14), M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), and M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), when the election proceeded, with the following results :—

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49), Grand Master.
R. W. “ Wm. G. Scott (1), Deputy Grand Master
R. W. “ H. H. Campkin (33), Grand Senior Warden
R. W. “ James Scroggie (10), Grand Junior Warden
R. W. “ John McKechnie (1), re-elected Grand Treasurer
M. W. “ James A. Ovas (27), re-elected Grand Secretary
R. W. “ O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Grand Registrar
R. W. “ Rev. John Wells (63), Grand Chaplain
And by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND OFFICERS

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :—

R. W. Bro.	T. Harry Webb (1),	First Masonic District		
W.	" Geo. H. Haslem (29),	Second	"	"
W.	" F. H. Dagg (63),	Third	"	"
R. W.	" E. T. Greenway (71),	Fourth	"	"
V. W.	" J. S. Armitage (14),	Fifth	"	"
W.	" Richard Shore (52),	Sixth	"	"
W.	" William Faucett (72),	Seventh	"	"
W.	" John A. Macdonald (32)	Eighth	"	"
W.	" H. M. Douglas (58),	Ninth	"	"
W.	" J. C. Kemmis (45),	Tenth	"	"
W.	" Robt. C. Miller (81)	Eleventh	"	"
W.	" J. J. Dunlop (53),	Twelfth	"	"

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years :—

R. W. Bro.	James Scroggie (10),	Winnipeg.
R. W.	" D. W. McDermid (1),	Winnipeg.
W.	" William Braden (4),	Winnipeg.
V. W.	" John T. B. Persse (3),	Winnipeg.
W.	" Robert Magness (10),	Winnipeg.
R. W.	" John Wemyss (24),	Neepawa.
R. W.	" William Fenwick (64),	Alexander.
R. W.	" H. C. Taylor (53),	Edmonton.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), and

Resolved—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, Grand Master elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :—

- W. Bro. C. E. Smyth (31), Grand Senior Deacon.
- W. " V. E. D. Cassellman (77), Grand Junior Deacon.
- W. " W. E. Ross (66), Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- W. " E. D. H. Wilkins (83), Grand Organist.
- W. " B. McDermott (52), Grand Steward.
- W. " John T. Bragg (4), Grand Steward.
- W. " H. S. McLeod (28), Grand Steward.
- W. " C. A. Marker (60), Grand Steward.
- W. " J. J. Erskine (2), Grand Steward.
- W. " W. F. Puffer (65), Grand Steward.
- W. " A. Mack (29), Grand Steward.
- W. " R. B. Ferguson (53), Grand Steward.
- W. " H. L. Adolph (19), Grand Pursuivant.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Grand Master elect, R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees :—

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M. W. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1), Convener; M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), Convener; R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), R. W. Bro. M. Lawrie (8).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

R. W. Bro. E. W. Rugg (3), Convener; W. Bro. John R. Grant (10),
R. W. Bro. John Wemyess, (24).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), Convener; R. W. Bro. Rev. A. B.
Baird (1), W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25).

ON TRANSPORTATION TO EDMONTON

R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Convener; R. W. Bro. John
McKechnie (1), V. W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3).

AUDITORS.

R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), W. Bro. John H Mitchell (1).

On Motion of M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded
by M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), the Masonic Districts were
determined as follows :—

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb, Winnipeg.

No. 1—	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg
" 2—	Lisgar	Selkirk
" 3—	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg
" 4—	St. John's	Winnipeg
" 6—	Emerson	Emerson
" 8—	King Solomon	Morris
" 10—	Northern Light	Winnipeg
" 12—	Stonewall	Stonewall
" 25—	Ionic	Winnipeg
" 55—	East Star	Gretna

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Haslam, Carberry.

No. 7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
" 11—Gladstone	Gladstone
" 24—Neepawa	Neepawa
" 29—Carberry	Carberry
" 49—Temple	Macgregor
" 68—Vermillion	Dauphin
" 75—Gothic	Austin

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. F. H. Dagg, Holland.

No. 9—Oakland	Carman
" 48—Glenboro	Glenboro
" 51—Treherne	Treherne
" 63—Holland	Holland
" 67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa
" 70—Shiloh	Roland
" 87—Rathwell	Rathwell
" 82—Cypress	Cypress River
U. D.—Midlothian	Miami

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. E. T. Greenway, Crystal City.

No. 13—Belmont	Morden
" 30—Manitou	Manitou
" 36—Doric	Boissevain
" 40—Deloraine	Deloraine
" 50—Killarney	Killarney
" 54—Oriental	Melita
" 71—Crystal	Crystal City
" 77—Napinka	Napinka
" 88—Amity	Carnduff

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. S. Armitage, Minnedosa.

No. 14—	Prince of Wales	.....	Minnedosa
" 15—	Corinthian	.....	Rapid City
" 39—	Birtle	.....	Birtle
" 62—	Russell	.....	Russell
" 69—	Yorkton	.....	Yorkton
" 84—	Hamiota	.....	Hamiota

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Richard Shore, Hartney.

No. 19—	Brandon	.....	Brandon
" 27—	Glenwood	.....	Souris
" 43—	Lebanon	.....	Virden
" 44—	Oak Lake	.....	Oak Lake
" 52—	Hartney	.....	Hartney
" 64—	Composite	.....	Alexander
" 74—	Elkhorn	.....	Elkhorn
" 86—	Elgin	.....	Elgin

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. William Fawcett, Duck Lake.

No. 16—	Kinistino	.....	Prince Albert
" 72—	Duck Lake	.....	Duck Lake
U.D. —	Saskatchewan	.....	Saskatoon

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John A. Macdonald, Fort Qu'Appelle.

No. 23—	Wascana	.....	Regina
" 26—	Moose Jaw	.....	Moose Jaw

No. 32—Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle
" 33—Indian Head	Indian Head
" 34—Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin	Moosomin
" 47—Ashlar	Whitewood
" 57—Evening Star	Grenfell
" 61—North-West Mounted Police	Regina
" 80—Sintaluta	Sintaluta
U. D.—Carlyle	Carlyle

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. H. M. Douglas, Innisfail.

No. 28—Bow River	Calgary
" 42—Cascade	Anthracite
" 58—Innisfail	Innisfail
" 60—Perfection	Calgary
" 73—Red Deer	Red Deer
" 85—Mountain View	Olds

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. C. Kemmis, Pincher Creek

No. 31—Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
" 37—Alberta	Macleod
" 41—North Star	Lethbridge
" 45—Spitzie	Pincher Creek
" 56—Maple Leaf	Maple Creek

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. C. Miller, White Horse .

No. 79—Yukon	Dawson
" 81—White Horse	White Horse

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton.

No. 53—Edmonton	Edmonton
" 65—Eureka	Lacombe
" 66—Acacia	Strathcona
" 76—Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan
" 78—Jasper	Edmonton
" 83—Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin

 RECAPITULATION

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District	7
Third Masonic District	9
Fourth Masonic District	9
Fifth Masonic District	6
Sixth Masonic District	8
Seventh Masonic District	3
Eighth Masonic District	11
Ninth Masonic District	6
Tenth Masonic District	5
Eleventh Masonic District	2
Twelfth Masonic District	6
Total	82

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers, assisted by M. W. Bros. Thomas Tweed and R. S. Thornton.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-ninth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 5.45 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. John Wells, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :



James A. Oord.

Grand Secretary.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT:

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10)Winnipeg

VICE-PRESIDENT:

R. W. " James Scroggie (10)Winnipeg

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE;

M. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm, (49), Grand MasterMacgregor
 M. W. " E. A. Braithwaite (53), Grand MasterEdmonton
 M. W. " Geo. F. Newcombe (77), Past Grand Master Napinka
 M. W. " D. J. Goggin (10), Past Grand MasterToronto
 M. W. " Geo. Black (10), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " Rev. Dean Matheson (10), Past Grand Master..Winnipeg
 M. W. " James A. Ovas (27), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " Wm. G. Bell (3), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " Thomas Tweed (31), Past Grand Master ... Medicine Hat
 M. W. " Chas. N. Bell (1), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " Corbet Locke (13), Past Grand MasterMorden
 M. W. " Thomas Robinson (10), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " Geo. B. Murphy (35), Past Grand MasterMoosomin
 M. W. " John Leslie (1), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " R. S. Thornton (40), Past Grand MasterDeloraine
 M. W. " R. Hill Myers (14), Past Grand MasterWinnipeg
 M. W. " Alfred Pearson (1), Past Grand MasterChicago
 R. W. " Wm. G. Scott (1), Deputy Grand MasterWinnipeg
 R. W. " John McKechnie (1), Grand TreasurerWinnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25)Winnipeg
 R. W. " Geo. W. Baker (10)Winnipeg
 R. W. " J. J. White (25)Winnipeg
 R. W. " J. Obed Smith (1)Winnipeg

R. W. Bro.	R. P. Crookshank (15)	Rapid City
R. W. "	H. H. Campkin (33)	Indian Head
R. W. "	T. Harry Webb (1)	Winnipeg
W. "	John R. Grant (10)	Winnipeg
R. W. "	D. W. McDermid (1)	Winnipeg
R. W. "	John Wemyss (24)	Neepawa
R. W. "	William Fenwick (64)	Alexander
R. W. "	H. C. Taylor (53)	Edmonton
R. W. "	James Scroggie (10)	Winnipeg
V. W. "	John T. B. Persse (3)	Winnipeg
V. W. "	William Braden (4)	Winnipeg
W. "	Robt. Magness (10)	Winnipeg

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEES.

ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), Chairman; M. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Chairman; M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1), R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49), R. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (53), W. Bro. John R. Grant (10).

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY

R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), Chairman; M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), M. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), R. W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank (15), V. W. Bro. William Braden (4).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

M. W. Bro. Chas. N. Bell (1) Chairman; M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), R. W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), R. W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

ON BENEVOLENCE

M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1), Chairman; R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), R. W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), W. Bro. Robt. Magness (10).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), Chairman ; R.W. Bro. J. J. White (25), R. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (53), R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

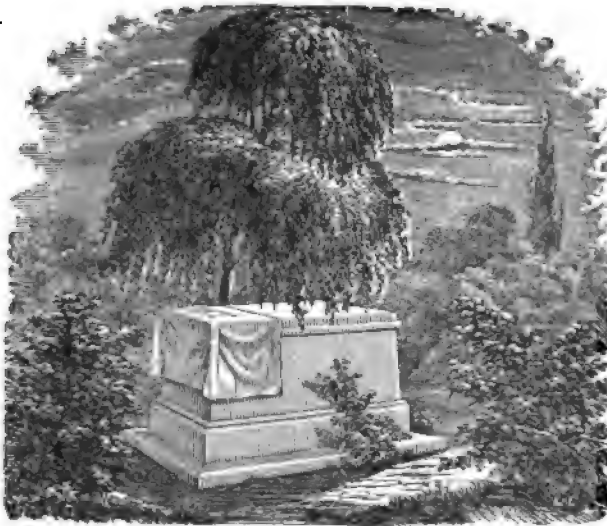
R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), Chairman ; R. W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24) R. W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), V. W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3).

ON FINANCE

W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), Chairman; R. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), V. W. Bro. John T. B. Persse (3), R. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), V.W. Bro. William Braden (4).

DEATHS 41 — LODGES 23

NAME	LODGES	No.	DATE
McLean, J. J. H.	Prince Ruperts ...	1	January 12 .. 1903
Macdonald, John M.	Prince Ruperts ...	1	January 16 .. 1903
Willis, Samuel H.	Prince Ruperts ...	1	April. 1903
More, John R.	Prince Ruperts ...	1	May — 1903
Crawford, Horace E.	Prince Ruperts.....	1	August 17 .. 1903
Kennedy, Joseph H.	Prince Ruperts ...	1	December 27 .. 1903
Davis, John William....	Lisgar.	2	April 1 .. 1903
Gibbs, William.	Lisgar.	2	December 11 .. 1903
Steele, Elmer J.	Ancient L'dmark ..	3	April 27 .. 1903
Neilson, W. J.	St. John's	4	August 10 .. 1903
Thompson, T. E.	St. John's	4	August 15 .. 1903
McKittrick, H.	St. John's	4	November 29 .. 1903
McDonald, Robert	Emerson	6	November 14 .. 1903
McGregor, Duncan A.	Kinistino	16	September 19 .. 1903
Harrison, James C.	Brandon	19	August 22 .. 1903
Halpin, Nicholas J.	Brandon	19	November 4 .. 1903
McIvor, William	Wascana	23	
Brooks, Arthur	Wascana	23	November 7 .. 1903
Davidson, John A.	Neepawa.....	24	November 14 .. 1903
Coates, John A.	Neepawa.....	24	November 14 .. 1903
Hastings, William A.	Ionic.....	25	May 23 .. 1903
Cleverley, William J.	Ionic.....	25	October 9 .. 1903
Carley, James A.	Ionic.....	25	December 7 .. 1903
Herrler, Frederick G....	Moose Jaw.....	26	April 24 .. 1903
Forge, Francis.....	Moose Jaw.....	26	November 26 .. 1903
DeSousa, John	Bow River.....	28	February 9 .. 1903
Hill, George Charles, Jr.	Doric	36	August 29 .. 1903
Pritchaw, R. H.	North Star	41	June 2 .. 1903
Hardy, Robert J.	North Star.....	41	July 18 .. 1903
Bogart, William T.	Spitzie.....	45	November 28 .. 1903
Grien, Frederick.....	Temple	49	April 10 .. 1903
Richards, William A. B.	Innisfail	58	March 9 .. 1903
Woodside, James H.	Perfection.....	60	August 27 .. 1903
Clarke, Waddington.....	Holland	63	February 24 .. 1903
Crerar, John S.	Yorkton	69	May 13 .. 1903
Watson, George A.	Yorkton	69	..... 1903
Urton, William S.	Duck Lake	72	January 17 .. 1903
Gee, Charles Palmer.....	Red Deer	73	February 10 .. 1903
Sharples, Harry	Red Deer	73	July 11 .. 1903
Brindle, Tom	Red Deer	73	December 12 .. 1903
Edmiston, William S.	Jasper.....	78	July 4 .. 1903



In Memory

..of the..

Forty-one Brethren of the Twenty-three

Lodges whose deaths have been

reported during the

Masonic Year

Ending

December, 27th, 1903



In Memory

.. of the ..

Illustrious Dead

... of ...

Sister Grand Lodges

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SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

NAME.	LODGE	No.	DATE
thers, William G . .	King Solomon . . .	8	August 4, . . . 1903
man, John	King Solomon . . .	8	August 4, . . . 1903
t Charles Frank . . .	King Solomon . . .	19	December 1 . . . 1903
e, James	Brandon	19	June 9 1903
pp, Herman F	Bow River	28	November 9 . . . 1903
George	Bow River	28	November 9 . . . 1903
, William Davis . . .	Indian Head	33	May 8 1903
l, George	Indian Head	33	May 8 1903
r, William	Indian Head	33	May 8 1903
on, Douglass	Alberta	37	April 8 1903
s, Daniel	Alberta	37	April 8 1903
lington, William . . .	Alberta	37	April 8 1903
, William	North Star	41	April 13 1903
r Pitt	North Star	41	April 13 1903
y, James W	North Star	41	April 13 1903
ardson, John	North Star	41	April 13 1903
b, Ernest W	North Star	41	April 13 1903
ley, Peter Edward . .	Cascade	42	May 7 1903
chill, Stanley	Cascade	42	May 7 1903
Donald, Donald	Cascade	42	May 7 1903
ie, James	Cascade	42	May 7 1903
i, George	Cascade	42	May 7 1903
er, Daniel	Ashlar	47	August 4 1903
r, John	Ashlar	47	August 4 1903
hy, John H	Ashlar	47	August 4 1903
n, Frederick W	Evening Star	57	May 12 1903
P. R. C	Evening Star	57	May 12 1903
ck, William	Evening Star	57	May 12 1903
t, Frederick W	Perfection	60	April 21 1903
er, John H	Perfection	60	March 17 1903
bs, William W	Perfection	60	April 21 1903
on, James O	Perfection	60	April 21 1903
e, Bishop E	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
her, Robert W	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
s, Robert C	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
patrick, Reginald N . .	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
s, Frederick J	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
wood, Hamilton	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
ts, William	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
, John Nelson	Perfection	60	November 17 . . . 1903
iss, James	Holland	63	April 8 1903
e, David R	Holland	63	April 8 1903
hinney, John T	Holland	63	April 8 1903

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF
DUES—*Continued.***

NAME	LODGES	No.	DATE
Richardson, Edgar	Acacia	66	October 5 .....1903
Lloyd, Douglass S	Jasper.....	78	February 9 .....1903
Currie, Neil	Jasper.....	78	February 9 .....1903
Dougherty, John C.....	Yukon.....	79	February 5 .....1903
Orr, Edward Smith.....	Yukon.....	79	February 5 .....1903

SUSPENDED FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT

NAME	LODGES	No.	DATE
Badger, John Connor....	King Solomon....	8	June 8 .....1903
Schneider, Edward.....	Perfection.....	60	December 15 .....1903
Wright, William H.....	Yukon.....	79	January 8 ....1903

RE-INSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-
PAYMENT OF DUES

NAME	LODGES	No	DATE
Holding, Henry	Ancient L'dm'k ..	3	January 12 .. 1903
Hewson, Joseph Scott...	Emerson	6	May 7
Madill, William John ..	King Solomon ..	8	November 3 .. 1903
Kochler, G. M.....	Belmont.....	13	February 9 .. 1903
Jordan, Edward	Belmont.....	13	December 3 .. 1903
Stansfield, Alexander...	Kinistino.....	16	April 3
Porter, Albert Edward ..	Kinistino.....	16	July 2
Quinnie, Charles.....	Kinistino.....	16	July 2
Tait, George.....	Kinistino.....	16	September 4 .. 1903
Jackson, Thomas E.....	Kinistino.....	16	September 4 .. 1903
Thompson, William E ..	Brandon.....	19	January 17 .. 1903
Kelly, Arthur.....	Brandon.....	19	June 9
Crapper, Frederick M ..	Wascana.....	23	November 3 .. 1903
Stokes, James.....	Medicine Hat.....	31	December 1 .. 1903
Smith, Charles F.....	Medicine Hat	31	December 1 .. 1903
Stebbing, William F	Deloraine	40	December 30 .. 1903
Ronney, Andrew	North Star.....	41	March 9
Dougherty, John C.....	Yukon.....	79	May 7
Gilbaw, John W.....	Prince Ruperts ..	1	February 17 .. 1903
Hooper, James.....	Prince Ruperts...	1	March 17
Kennedy, John F	Lisgar.....	2	March 17

RE-INSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR
UN-MASONIC CONDUCT

Wright, William H.....	Yukon	79	July 8
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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1904

M.W.	Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (49), McGregor.....	Grand Master
R.W.	" Wm. G. Scott (1), Winnipeg...	Deputy Grand Master
R.W.	" H. H. Campken (33), Indian Head...	Grand Senior Warden
R.W.	" James Scroggie (10), Winnipeg....	Grand Junior Warden
R.W.	" T. Harry Webb, (1), Winnipeg.....	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" Geo. H. Haslam (29), Carberry	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" Francis H. Dagg (63), Holland	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" E. T. Greenway (71), Crystal City...	re-elected.D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" J. S. Armitage (14), Minnedosa	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" Richard Shore (52), Hartney	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" William Fawcett (72), Duck Lake.....	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" John A. Macdonald (32), Fort Qu'Appelle....	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" H. M. Douglas (58), Innisfail	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" J. H. Kemmis (45), Maple Creek	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" Robt C. Miller (81), White Horse	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" J. J. Dunlop (53), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W.	" John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, re-elected	Grand Treas.
M.W.	" James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg, re-elected	Grand. Secretary
R.W.	" O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Anthracite..	Grand Registrar
R.W.	" Rev. John Wells (63), Holland.....	Grand Chaplain
V.W.	" C. E. Smyth (31), Medicine Hat, Grand	Senior Deacon
V.W.	" V. E. D. Casselman (77), Napinka ..	Grand Junior Deacon
V.W.	" W. E. Ross (66), Strathcona, Grand	Director of Ceremonies
V.W.	" E. D. H. Wilkins (83), Wetaskiwin	Grand Organist
V.W.	" Benj. McDermott (52), Hartney.....	Grand Steward
V.W.	" John T. Bragg (4), Winnipeg.....	Grand Steward
V.W.	" H. S. McLeod (28), Calgary	Grand Steward
V.W.	" C. P. Marker (60), Calgary.....	Grand Steward
V.W.	" J. J. Erskine (2), Selkirk	Grand Steward
V.W.	" W. F. Puffer (65), Lacombe.....	Grand Steward
V.W.	" A. Mack (29), Carberry	Grand Steward
V.W.	" R. B. Furguson (53), Edmonton	Grand Steward
V.W.	" H. L. Adolph (19), Brandon	Grand Pursuivant
	" John McBride (1), Winnipeg.....	Grand Tyler

Lodge Directory
and
Statistical Tables

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an asterisk (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist; all others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

Name of Lodge	Town and Post Office Address	Province or District	W. Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1 Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Edward F. Lang	W. J. E. Robertson	Third Tuesday in each month
2 Ligar	Waskia	"	Joseph W. Simpson	R. W. Stewart	First Monday in each month
3 Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	"	E. A. Garratt	John E. Evans	Second Monday in each month
4 St. John's	Winnipeg	"	Henry R. Barrett	John E. Nicholas	Third Thursday in each month
5 Emerson	Emerson	"	H. G. Henderson	John E. McIntyre	Thursday on or before full moon
6 Assiniboine	Fortage la Prairie	"	Chas. W. Stewart	Fred W. Clayton	Third Wednesday in each month
7 King Solomon	Morris	"	Francis B. Bell	F. F. M. Taylor	First Tuesday in each month
8 Oakland	Carmar	"	F. W. James	F. J. G. McArthur	Tuesday on or before full moon
9 Northern Light	Winnipeg	"	Edward W. Walker	William Hill	Third Thursday in each month
10 Gladstone	Gladstone	"	Robert Vine	J. P.erguson	Monday on or before full moon
11 Stenwall	Stenwall	"	Abel R. Leonard	J. Montgomery	Tuesday on or before full moon
12 Belmont	Morden	"	Robert Sipher	J. Gilson	Thursday on or before full moon
13 Prince of Wales	Rapid City	"	W. D. Diamond	James B. Noble	Friday on or before full moon
14 Cornish	Prince Albert	"	I. R. M. Davidson	M. Young	First Tuesday in each month
15 Brandon	Brandon	"	Chas. O. Lindsay	A. S. Stewart	First Friday in each month
16 Kinistino	Regina	Saskatchewan	James Honeyman	James T. Mulrie	Second Tuesday in each month
17 Neepawa	Neepawa	Manitoba	Joseph Lawler	J. B. Beveridge	First Tuesday in each month
22 Neepawa	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Harold Jagger	J. Wemyss	First Tuesday on or before full moon
25 Ionic	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Joseph Lawler	W. C. Copeland	First Tuesday in each month
26 Moose Jaw	Souris	Manitoba	Harold Jagger	H. V. Sykes	Second Tuesday in each month
27 Glenwood	Souris	Manitoba	F. R. Echan	T. L. Arnett	First Friday on or before full moon
28 Bow River	Calgary	Manitoba	John Balfour	Geo. Macdonald	Second Monday in each month
29 Carberry	Carberry	Manitoba	Thos. G. Atkinson	B. W. McClung	Tuesday on or before full moon
30 Manitou	Medicine Hat	Manitoba	Charles E. Smyth	H. W. Ireland	Friday on or before full moon
31 Medicine Hat	Fort Qu'Appelle	Manitoba	Robert Williams	A. M. Rooke	Tuesday on or before full moon
32 Qu'Appelle Valley	Indian Head	Manitoba	H. H. Campkin	J. P. Welthew	Friday on or before full moon
33 Indian Head	Qu'Appelle	Manitoba	Donald A. Wolfe	Jas. Montgomery	Tuesday on or before full moon
34 Qu'Appelle	Moosomin	Manitoba	James A. Reekie	James D. Baine	Fourth Tuesday in each month
35 Moosomin	Moosomin	Manitoba	Arthur Young	G. P. Beere	Wednesday on or before full moon
36 Doris	Macleod	Manitoba	James I. Foster	Peter Duncan	Second Monday in each month
37 Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	John A. Mather	W. H. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
39 Birtle	Deloraine	Manitoba			
40 Deloraine	Deloraine	Manitoba			

41 North Star*	Lethbridge	Alberta	Thomas McNab	George Kerr	Second Monday in each month
42 Cascade	Anthracite	Alberta	R. W. Evans	A. N. Saddington	Thursday on or before full moon
43 Lebanon	Virden	Manitoba	H. J. Pugh	Wm. Robertson	Tuesday on or before full moon
44 Oak Lake	White River	Manitoba	James H. Lang	A. S. Thompson	Thursday on or before full moon
45 Spitzie	Wheeler Creek	Alberta	H. J. Smith	H. E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon
46 Ashlar	Whitewood	Alberta	Charles Holmes	H. O. Armstrong	Friday on or before full moon
47 Ashlar	Whitewood	Alberta	Charles Holmes	H. O. Armstrong	Friday on or before full moon
48 Glenboro	MacGregor	Manitoba	James Mitchell	James Mitchell	Second Monday in each month
49 Temple	Killarney	"	Charles Street	W. M. Berry	Second Monday in each month
50 Killarney	Killarney	"	N. P. Floyd	J. W. McNeil	Wednesday on or after full moon
51 Kellarney	Killarney	"	Charles Street	J. W. McNeil	Friday on or before full moon
52 Kellarney	Killarney	"	Charles Street	J. W. McNeil	Friday on or before full moon
53 Hartney	Hartney	"	Charles Street	J. W. McNeil	Friday on or before full moon
54 Edmonton	Edmonton	Alberta	Charles Redpath	W. H. Clare	Thursday on or before full moon
55 Edmonton	Edmonton	Alberta	Charles Redpath	W. H. Clare	Thursday on or before full moon
56 East Star	Greta	Manitoba	H. V. Morse	Robert Hickey	Third Thursday in each month
57 Maple Leaf	Greta	Manitoba	H. V. Morse	P. S. Dineen	Friday on or before full moon
58 Evening Star	Maple Creek	Assiniboia	W. F. Merritt	Charles Wain	Wednesday on or before full moon
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61 N.W.M. Police	Maple Creek	Assiniboia	W. F. Merritt	Charles Wain	Wednesday on or before full moon
62 Holland	Maple Creek	Assiniboia	W. F. Merritt	Charles Wain	Wednesday on or before full moon
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OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS
FOUNDATION ON THE 22ND OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev W C Clarke	*Hon W N Kennedy	Jas Henderson	*S L Bedson	*Col Jno Kennedy	*John H Bell	†H T Champion	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1876	*Hon W N Kennedy	Jas Henderson	*S L Bedson	G F Newcomb	†J J Johnson	*John H Bell	Jno W Harris	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1877	G F Newcomb	Jas Henderson	Jno W Harris		†J J Johnson	*John H Bell	*Col John Kennedy	Rev Canon S P Matheson
1878	G F Newcomb	Jno W Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F T Bradley	†J J Johnson	*John H Bell	*Col John Kennedy	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1879	Rev. Canon S P Matheson	Jno W Harris	*Simon Duffin	R McCuaig	†J J Johnson	*John H Bell	†James Munroe	Rev James Flett
1880	*John H Bell		*Hon G McKicken	†J M McGregor	†J J Johnson	Wm G Scott	†D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1881	*John H Bell	Wm G Scott	†D B Murray		†J J Johnson	Jas Henderson	†D G Dick	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1882	*John H Bell	Wm G Scott	†Alfred Pearson		†J J Johnson		†D G Dick	Rev Canon J D O'Meara

1883	*John H Bell.....	†D B Murray.....	R McCuaig.....	†John Smith, M.D. †J J Johnson.....	Wm G Scott.....	LD Young, M D.....	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1884	*John H Bell.....		*Rev J M Well-wood	N J Lindsay, M.D. †J J Johnson.....	Wm G Scott.....	†Wm Simpson.....	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1885		†Alfred Pearson...	P McGreger.....	†Thos Collins.....	John McKechnie..	*J W H Wilson.....	*Rev J M Well-wood
1886	†Alfred Pearson...	Peter McGregor	*J W H Wilson	†J K Brydon.....	John McKechnie..	Wm G Bell.....	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark.....	John A Kerr.....	James A Ovas.....	Wm G Bell.....	John McKechnie..	Jas S Greig.....	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark.....	James A Ovas.....	Wm G Bell.....	R C Brown.....	John McKechnie..	Joseph Daniel.....	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara
1889	*Rev Canon J D O'Meara	Wm G Bell.....	Thos L Morton.....	†Thos McPherson	John McKechnie..	James A Payne.....	Rev Arthur W Goulding
1890	James A Ovas.....	Wm G Bell.....	†Thos McPherson	Fred L Newman.....	John McKechnie..	†R W Woodroffe.	Rev Arthur W Goulding
1891	Wm G Bell.....	*John W H Wilson	Richard D Foley	John Leslie.....	John McKechnie..	James G Dagg.....	Rev Wm J Garton
1892	*J W H Wilson.....	†D J Goggin.....	F G Lewin.....	Thos Robinson.....	John McKechnie..	Wm A Windatt.....	Rev Wm J Garton
1893	†D J Goggin.....	Thos Robinson...	Thos Tweed.....	Corbet Locke.....	John McKechnie..	J H Munson.....	Rev Wm J Garton
1894	Thomas Tweed.....	Charles N Bell...	Corbet Locke.....	Hugh U Bain.....	John McKechnie..	†Rev AWF Cooper	Rev C B Pitblado
1895	Charles N Bell.....	Corbet Locke.....	*James Leslie.....	Geo B Murphy.....	John McKechnie..	*John Chambers.....	Rev C B Pitblado

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS
FOUNDATION ON THE 22ND OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—Continued

Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1886	Corbet Locke	John Leslie	Fred L Newman	† F English	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	† N Mitchell	Rev J W Matheson
1887	Thomas Robinson	Geo B Murphy	Rev Wm J Garton	Wm Crawford	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	J O Smith	Rev A Chisholm
1888	Geo B Murphy	H J Eberts	R S Thornton	W A Windatt	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	Edgar W Rugg	Rev C R Littler
1889	John Leslie	R S Thornton	W A Windatt	† S B Jameson	John McKechnie	Wm G Scott	J A Sutherland	Rev J W Muirhead
1900	R S Thornton	Rev Wm J Garton	Wm Fenwick	R Hill Myers	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	E A Braithwaite	Rev A B Baird
1901	R S Thornton	R Hill Myers	E A Braithwaite	Rev A Chisholm	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	James M Suttie	Rev A B Baird
1902	R Hill Myers	E A Braithwaite	Rev A Chisholm	Geo W Baker	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	Geo H Webster	Rev Geo H Webb
1903	E A Braithwaite	Rev A Chisholm	Wm G Scott	H H Campkin	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	R P Crookshank	Rev Geo H Webb
1904	Rev A Chisholm	Wm G Scott	H H Campkin	James Scroggie	John McKechnie	James A Ovas	O E S Whiteside	Rev John Wells

* Dead

† Removed from Jurisdiction

‡ Withdrawn from Masonry

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DEC. 27TH, 1903.

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Rejected	Membership 27th Dec., 1902.	Membership 27th Dec., 1903.
1	Prince Rupert's	12	8	14	13	2	3			6		227	245
2	Lisgar	6	6	4	2	1	3			2		56	60
3	Ancient Landmark	16	4	16	6	1	6			1	2	188	204
4	St. Johns	16	17	14	6					3	3	157	176
6	Emerson					1	3			1	1	42	39
7	Assiniboine	12	8	4	3		2					65	78
8	King Solomon	4	2	2		1	7	3	1			48	42
9	Oakland	14	6	6	2							46	62
10	Northern Light	2	3	6	11		4				3	101	110
11	Gladstone	10	9	10	1						2	33	44
12	Stonewall	1	2	4	2		2					28	29
13	Belmont	1				2	4					62	61
14	Prince of Wales	3	3	3	3		2					64	68
15	Corinthian	5	2	3			3				1	36	38
16	Kinistino	9	7	8	2	5	4			1	1	65	76
19	Brandon	17	15	16	8	1	5	1		2	1	109	128
23	Wascana	6	4	6	11	1				2	2	40	56
24	Neepawa	12	11	12	4		2			2	2	64	76
25	Ionic	17	19	18	6		1			3	2	117	136
26	Moose Jaw	12	12	13	2					2	2	57	69
27	Glenwood	1	2	3	1							44	46
28	Bow River	13	14	11	6		2	2		1	1	133	147
29	Carberry	6	7	5			4					47	50
30	Manitou	1	1	1	1		1					36	37

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Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Demitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Dead	Rejected	Membership 27th Dec., 1902.	Membership 27th Dec., 1903.
31	Medicine-Hat	5	6	5	2	2	1	..	..	..	3	57	66
32	Qu'Appelle Valley..	2	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	34	38
33	Indian Head	2	2	2	1	..	1	3	..	..	3	48	47
34	Qu'Appelle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	31
35	Moosomin	5	5	5	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	66	72
36	Doric	6	8	10	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	70	75
37	Alberta	7	7	7	2	..	5	3	..	..	2	66	67
38	Battle (Charter Surrendered)	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	9	6
39	Birtle	4	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	30	30
40	Deloraine	9	8	9	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	44	51
41	North Star	5	2	2	2	1	3	5	..	2	1	63	61
42	Cascade	3	2	2	..	..	3	5	..	..	2	43	38
43	Lebanon	3	4	5	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	45	49
44	Oak Lake	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	26	27
45	Spitae	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	42	43
47	Ashlar	2	3	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	33	31
48	Glenboro	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	40
49	Temple	3	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	41	41
50	Killarney	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	30	29
51	Treherne	1	4	6	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	35	28
52	Hartney	1	4	3	3	47	48
53	Edmonton	3	2	2	6	..	1	1	62	70
54	Oriental	8	4	9	1	..	1	2	45	52
55	East Star	1	1	1	1	20	20

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LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
British Columbia....	R. E. Brett.....	Victoria
Canada (in Ontario)	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	St. John
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax
Prince Edward Isl'd.	Neil McKelvie.....	Summerside
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte	Montreal

GREAT BRITAIN

England.....	Edward Letchworth	London
Ireland.....	H.E. Flavelle, D.G.S.....	Dublin
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Edinburgh

UNITED STATES

Alabama.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery, Mas. Temple
Arizona.....	Geo. J. Roskrige	Tucson
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempsted.....	Little Rock
California.....	Geo. Johnston.....	San Francisco, Mas. Temple
Colorado.....	Wm. D. Todd.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Delaware.....	Benj. F. Bartram.....	Wilmington
Dist. of Columbia	Arvine. W. Johnston.....	Washington, Mas. Temple
Florida.....	Wilbur P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	W. A. Wolihin	Macon
Idaho.....	T. W. Randall	Boise City
Illinois.....	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis, Mas. Temple
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka
Iowa.....	N. R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky.....	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville, Masonic Temple
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans, Drawer 81
Maine.....	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland.....	William M. Isaac	Baltimore Masonic Temple
Massachusetts	Seren D. Nickerson	Boston, Masonic Temple
Michigan.....	Lou B Winsor.....	Reed City

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND LODGE SECRETARIES—*Continued.*

UNITED STATES—*Continued*

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Minnesota.....	Thos. Montgomery...	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	Frederick Speed.....	Vicksburg
Missouri.....	John D. Vincil.....	St. Louis
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena, Masonic Temple
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha
Nevada.....	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson City
New Hampshire...	Frank D. Woodbury...	Concord
New Jersey.....	Thos. H. R. Redway...	Trenton, Masonic Temple
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers...	New York, Masonic Temple
North Carolina...	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh
North Dakota.....	F. J. Thompson.....	Fargo
Ohio.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati
Oklahoma.....	James S. Hunt.....	Stillwater
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson...	Eugene
Pennsylvania.....	William A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia, Mas. Temple
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams...	Providence
South Carolina...	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew...	Sioux Falls
Tennessee.....	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville
Texas.....	John Watson.....	Waco
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl...	Salt Lake City, Box 5
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Virginia.....	Geo. W. Carrington...	Richmond
Washington.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia
West Virginia...	Geo. W. Atkinson.....	Charleston
Wisconsin.....	Wm. W. Perry.....	Milwaukee
Wyoming.....	W. L. Kuykendall...	Saratoga

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica.....	Edmond A. Osborne...	San Jose
Cuba.....	Aurelio Miranda.....	Havana
Egypt.....	Michel Bey Saleh.....	Cairo
New South Wales...	Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Wellington
South Africa.....	F. L. Knight.....	Cape Town
South Australia...	Jas. H. Cunningham...	Adelaide
Western Australia...	J. D. Stevenson.....	Perth
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart
Victoria.....	John Braim.....	Melbourne

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER
GRAND LODGES

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representatives	Address	Date of Appointment
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	Jan. 9, 1878
Canada	Amelius Irving	Hamilton	Jan. 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Muroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	Geo. W. G. Bonner	Halifax	Jan. 7, 1899
Prince Edward Isl.	Thos. A. McLean	Charlottetown	Feb. 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

England	S. G. Kirchhoffer	London	July 1, 1901
Ireland	Rt. R'd J B. Crozier	Dublin	Oct. 25, 1898
Scotland	William Lindsay	Edinburgh	April 3, 1903

IN THE UNITED STATES

Alabama	J. W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	R. H. Hethrington	Prescott	April 10, 1901
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	Jan. 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	Sept. 1b, 1891
Connecticut	David R. Alling	New Haven	Aug. 18, 1902
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	Oct. 16, 1895
Dis. of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby	Washington	Nov. 15, 1901
Florida	Geo. B. Glover	Monticello	May 30, 1904
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 19, 1879
Illinois	Hugh R. Stewart	Chicago	Sept. 10, 1901
Indiana	Geo. W. Snyder	New Albany	April 17, 1903
Indian Territory	William Jas. Oak	Goodland	March 18, 1898
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Osage	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	Dec. 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	Jan. 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	Nov. 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	St. Paul	Feb. 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued*IN THE UNITED STATES—*Continued*

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date of Appointment
Mississippi.....	John Wright.....	Sardis.....	Dec. 7, 1878
Missouri.....	W. R. Stubblefield..	Salem.....	Jan. 20, 1899
Montana.....	Julian M. Knight.....	Virginia City.....	Nov. 29, 1875
Nebraska.....	Elias W. Beghtol.....	Holdrege.....	May 7, 1903
Nevada.....	Alex. O. Percy.....	Gold Hill.....	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire.....	Samuel Condon.....	Tilton.....	Nov. 29, 1902
New Jersey.....	Charles S. Styles.....	Burlington.....	Nov. 23, 1894
New Mexico.....	J. J. Kelly.....	Silver City.....	March 1, 1892
New York.....	Robert Roberts.....	New York.....	Dec. 10, 1892
North Carolina.....	Samuel H. Smith.....	Winston.....	May 13, 1891
North Dakota.....	Thomas Nisbet.....	Grand Forks.....	March 15, 1899
Ohio.....	Rev. C. G. Martin.....	Sandusky.....	July 31, 1899
Oklahoma.....	C. E. Elliott.....	Blackwell.....	Jan. 13, 1902
Oregon.....	Wm. H. Hobson.....	Salem.....	Jan. 24, 1899
Rhode Island.....	W. Lester Hill.....	Providence.....	Feb. 4, 1899
South Carolina.....	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.....	April 10, 1878
South Dakota.....	John A. Cleaver.....	Huron.....	April 2, 1902
Tennessee.....	Milton H. Price.....	De Soto.....	April 11, 1899
Texas.....	Hon. J. Y. Hogsett.....	Fort Worth.....	March 7, 1904
Utah.....	Adolph Amerson.....	Salt Lake City.....	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont.....	Elroy B. Whittaker.....	Hinesburg.....	May 20, 1891
Virginia.....	Frank Gilmer.....	Charlottesville.....	Feb. 8, 1899
Washington.....	Edward R. Hare.....	Tacoma.....	Jan. 12, 1900
West Virginia.....	James Luke, jr.....	New Cumberland.....	Dec. 10, 1898
Wisconsin.....	John Gill.....	Milwaukee.....	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica.....	Gustavo Pridalla.....	San Jose.....	Sept. 19, 1902
Cuba, Island of.....	Rafael Joglar.....	Havana.....	May 13, 1891
Egypt.....	Michel Bey Saleh.....	Cairo.....	July 4, 1902
New South Wales.....	Elias Robinson.....	Sidney.....	Nov. 10, 1893
New Zealand.....	Hon. Hy. Feldwick.....	Invercargill.....	Dec. 10, 1892
South Australia.....	Jas. Magor Symons.....	Wallaroo.....	Jan. 7, 1892
Victoria.....	W. R. Edwards.....	Melbourne.....	Dec. 1, 1903
Western Australia.....	R. T. Robinson.....	Perth.....	Jan. 7, 1901

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Canada.....	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg.....	Oct. 6, 1885
British Columbia ..	James Scroggie.....	Winnipeg.....	March 9, 1904
New Brunswick ..	John McGuirl.....	Moosomin.....	April 6, 1899
Nova Scotia.....	John Wemyss.....	Neepawa.....	Jan. 20, 1902
Prince Edward Is'd ..	John J. Jackson ..	Winnipeg.....	June 22, 1899
Quebec.....	J. Thompson Black ..	Winnipeg.....	June 12, 1895

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

England.....	Thomas Robinson ..	Winnipeg.....	Oct. 15, 1896
Ireland.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.....	Oct. 6, 1890
Scotland.....	Wm. G. Bell.....	Winnipeg.....	Aug. 5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES

Alabama.....	J. S. Armitage ..	Minnedosa.....	Dec. 11, 1902
Arizona.....	A. B. Gillis.....	Whitewood ..	May 10, 1900
Arkansas.....	Roderick McCuaig ..	Portage la Prairie.	Jan. 5, 1899
California.....	F. Leslie Newman ..	Portage la Prairie.	Sept. 15, 1892
Colorado.....	John R. Jones.....	Winnipeg.....	May 7, 1900
Connecticut.....	Geo. W. Baker.....	Winnipeg.....	March 27, 1899
Delaware.....	Alex. J. Belch.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 1, 1898
Dis. of Columbia ..	G. S. McGregor.....	Mekiwin.....	June 20, 1900
Florida.....	James D. Baine ..	Boissevain.....	May 21, 1897
Georgia.....	Thos. L. Morton....	Gladstone.....	April 2, 1887
Idaho.....	John R. Grant.....	Winnipeg.....	July 15, 1901
Illinois.....	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 1, 1889
Indiana.....	Alex. Burns.....	Brandon.....	April 28, 1903
Kansas.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 1, 1895
Louisiana.....	James J. White.....	Winnipeg.....	June 17, 1889
Maine.....	Robt. S. Thornton..	Deloraine.....	Dec. 20, 1898
Maryland.....	D. H. McFadden ..	Emerson.....	Jan. 5, 1899
Michigan.....	John McKechnie ..	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota.....	Thos. W. Taylor....	Winnipeg.....	Dec. 26, 1808
Mississippi.....	Jas. E. Maynard....	Boissevain.....	July 19, 1900
Missouri.....	R. P. Crookshank ..	Rapid City ..	July 12, 1901
Montana.....	Herman J. Eberts ..	Winnipeg.....	April 23, 1897
Nebraska.....	Richard D. Foley ..	Winnipeg.....	Nov. 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued*FROM THE UNITED STATES—*Continued*

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Nevada.....	E. A. Struthers.....	Russell.....	Dec. 11, 1902
New Hampshire....	Rev. A. Chisholm....	MacGregor.....	Dec. 15, 1902
New Jersey.....	Wm. J. Ptolemy.....	Winnipeg.....	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico.....	Geo. F. Newcomb.....	Napinka.....	Nov. 5, 1879
New York.....	John W. Harris.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 30, 1879
North Carolina....	William Crawford....	Medicine Hat....	May 5, 1891
North Dakota.....	Lynds S. Vaughan....	Selkirk.....	Jan. 5, 1899
Ohio.....	W. C. Copeland.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 22, 1886
Oklahoma.....	Thomas McNabb.....	Lethbridge.....	Jan. 4, 1902
Oregon.....	A. L. Young.....	Souris.....	Dec. 29, 1898
Rhode Island.....	James Geo. Dagg.....	Winnipeg.....	Dec. 8, 1894
South Carolina....	Wm. A. Windatt.....	Winnipeg.....	March 31, 1891
South Dakota.....	Herbert H. Goulter..	Viriden.....	Dec. 1, 1897
Tennessee.....	Harry H. Campkin..	Indian Head.....	May 1, 1899
Texas.....	Henry Jas. Pugh.....	Viriden.....	April 3, 1899
Utah.....	Geo. B. Murphy.....	Moosomin.....	May 20, 1897
Vermont.....	Robt. F. McTavish..	Morris.....	May 6, 1903
Virginia.....	Robt. Hill Myers....	Minnedosa.....	Dec. 30, 1898
Washington.....	Wm. E. Hazley.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 11, 1900
West Virginia....	William Fenwick.....	Alexander.....	Dec. 29, 1898
Wisconsin.....	William Braden.....	Winnipeg.....	May 22, 1899

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica.....	T. Harry Webb.....	Winnipeg.....	Aug. 23, 1902
Cuba, Island of....	John McQuat.....	Stony Mountain..	April 14, 1901
Egypt.....	John L. Campbell....	Melita.....	Jan. 30, 1903
New South Wales..	Daniel H. McMillan..	Winnipeg.....	June 24, 1899
New Zealand.....	Thomas Tweed.....	Medicine Hat....	Feb. 25, 1893
South Australia...	Corbet Locke.....	Morden.....	April 2, 1900
Victoria.....	Francis G. Lewin....	Moosomin.....	Feb. 14, 1894
Western Australia.	E. Nelson Brown.....	Calgary.....	Nov. 4, 1901

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M. W. MASTER-WORD:

JAS. A. DEAS, Winnipeg, Sec.

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